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From \$2.7M in 2005 to \$1.2M in 2008

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

nnual government travel spending using local funds has gone down by as low as ■ 3 percent to as much as 40 percent between calendar years 2005 and 2008.

From over \$2.7 million in 2005, travel costs dropped to only \$1.61 million in 2006 before reaching almost \$1.57 million in 2007 and to only \$1.2 million in 2008, Department of Finance data shows.

Travel spending between Jan. 1 and June 20 this year reached

Compared to the Executive Branch and the Judiciary, which cut travel costs substantially, the Legislature reduced spending to just between 5 percent and 26 percent annually in the past few years.

Legislative travel expenditure went up by almost 6 percent in See GOVT on Page 4

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said the lack of clarity on the U.S. military's plans for Tinian is stalling the development of a new landfill and other projects on the island.

"Until we know of the military's plans for our island, the See MILITARY on Page 4

Korean biz: Let federalization push thru in Nov.

'Further delays will hurt, kill Korean investments'

By MONETH G. DEPOSA



Gyunggu

Most Korean businessmen on island want the federalization of CNMI immigration to push through as scheduled in November, not because they support the idea but in the belief that more delays in its implementation would further hurt and kill their investments on Saipan in the long run.

Rhee Gyunggu, president of the Korean Association of Saipan, disclosed this yesterday to Saipan Tribune,

saying that, although they are split in their views and opinion about federalization, the instability of not knowing what will

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happen next is proving detrimental to their businesses. He said that in their 23 years of doing business on Saipan, this year has been the worst ever recorded in See KOREAN on Page 4



Sisters Candy Quijano, 12, and Manila Quijano, 7, walk in front of piles of compacted used soda and beer cans at the Saipan Triple Star Recycling Inc. in Lower Base, as their parents were selling some \$11 worth of collected tin cans to the facility yesterday.

Tinian clinic's chief of staff to leave next month

By NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.

Another key position in the CNMI's healthcare system will be left vacant next month as the chief of staff of the Tinian Health Center is ready to go after completing her two-year contract.

Physician assistant Terri Clawson, who also serves as the laboratory direc-

community has been one of the highlights of her life.

Clawson has been working at the Tinian clinic since September 2007. She receives about 20 patients a day.

"I was warmly welcomed by the people of Tinian and my life here has been richly blessed not only by the beauty and rich culture of the island

tor at THC, said that serving the Tinian itself but by the love of those who have been my friends, neighbors, and patients," Clawson said in response to an e-mail inquiry.

She said the work itself has been ex-See TINIAN on Page 4

Physician assistant Terri Clawson is ready to go after completing her two-year contract.







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Over 600 students register on 1st day of NMC enrollment

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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Over 600 students trooped to the Northern Marianas College for the first day of registration on Monday, a figure that is expected to go even higher as the college closes enrollment on Saturday.

It was when the college began accommodating enrollees on Monday at 9am, and majority were returning students.

NMC, which recently reaffirmed its accreditation with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, projects a higher number of students this Fall semester from the previous record of over 800 enrollees.

"We are glad to see that many students are turning to the Northern Marianas College to further their education," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez.

She said they are continuing their recruitment efforts and reminds everyone that registration is still ongoing and that it's not too late to submit applications for admission.

Fernandez encouraged enrollees to take advantage of several financial aid opportunities including the Board of Regents scholarship and the NMC Foundation Scholarship programs.

In the past several months, NMC's recruitment team organized various events to encourage students to apply with the college. These include a number of information sessions, visits to high schools, participation in community events, and other activities.

It also hosted a "Cash for College" event in June to help students find and apply for financial assistance. More than 400 students attended this event.

"The Northern Marianas College is continuing to market its programs to ensure that prospective students are aware of the benefits of attending the NMC," Fernandez told Saipan Tribune, adding that these benefits include the transferability of credits to other accredited institutions, the relatively low cost of tuition in comparison with other colleges, the savings realized from not having to move off-island, and much more.

NMC's degree programs for Fall semester include elementary education under the bachelor of science program; nursing and natural resource management for associate in science; business and liberal arts for the associate in arts degree; business administration and hospitality management under the associate in applied science degree; and criminal justice NMC has also decided to susdegree program.

In Spring 2008, 18 degree and certificate programs were placed on inactive status due to low enrollment trends in the past eight years.

Fernandez said these inactive programs are currently being assessed to determine if there's a need to offer them in future semesters.

Since the college was placed on show-cause status last year,

pend all its academic programs on both Rota and Tinian instructional sites following the concerns cited by the accrediting commission.

Despite the WASC reaffirmation, the two sites will remain suspended at this time but NMC will continue its long-distance learning and video teleconferencing. Only federal programs are being served at both sites.

Joaquina Santos also appeals

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

REPORTER

Joaquina Villagomez Santos, the sister of former lieutenant governor Timothy P. Villagomez, has appealed her conviction to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In a notice of appeal filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI. Santos, through her lawyer Ramon Quichocho, stated that she is appealing their conviction and the sentencing order.

Quichocho told the court that Santos is also appealing U.S. District Court chief judge Alex Munson's orders to their numerous motions.

Quichocho cited Munson's denial of eight motions on Dec. 17, 2008.

Santos also cited eight other Munson orders that she is being designated.

Villagomez and Joaquina Santos' husband, James A. Santos, had already notified the federal court of their appeal to the Ninth Circuit relating to their conviction and sentencing judgment.

Munson sentenced Villagomez on Aug. 5 to seven years and three months in prison for his role in the Rydlyme corruption scandal.

Munson sentenced the Santos couple to six years and six months in prison each for their involvement in the scheme to defraud the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and the United States.

Villagomez and the Santos couple are currently free while a federal jail facility where they will serve their sentences is still

Medical battalion eager to return for another mission

By NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.

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Capt. Anita Kobuszewski, officer-in-charge of the 4th Medical Battalion, said her crew is eager to return for another Innovative Readiness Training and free clinic, not only on Saipan but also on Tinian and Rota.

"This is our maiden voyage. We will have some modifications on what kind of medical care we offer to the community," said Kobuszewski, who was one of the guest speakers of the Rotary Club of Saipan yesterday. "Our mission is to serve the under-served."

The medical battalion, composed 37 professional staff, support technicians, administrators and managers, arrived on Saipan on Aug. 2 and will conclude their medical mission this Friday.

The crew has already provided services to some 1,000 dental patients and 500 medical patients.

said, began with the Clinton Administration.

States and U.S. territories can apply for this mission,

which the CNMI did through Dr. Richard Brostrom, Medical Director of the Commonwealth Health Center.

"This is also an opportunity for us to serve fellow Americans on the islands and the opportunity to learn the local culture and meet Congressman [Gregorio] Sablan," she said.

Sablan was present at the Rotary meeting to discuss federalization issues and had the chance to express his appreciation to the presence of the medical battalion.

Kobuszewski thanked the CNMI for the wonderful welcome they have been receiving from the community.

She said she is used to a small community like Saipan since she grew up in a small area in Kansas where they had only 600 people.

"If we stay for more weeks here we ourselves will become a member of the community," she said.

The group has been staying This kind of mission, she at the Army Reserve Center for the past two weeks. They will be back to their homeport in San Diego, California, on Aug. 21.



Biz urged to help GAO survey on minimum wage

By NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR. n_rodriguez@saipantribune.com REPORTER

U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) is urging Saipan's business leaders to cooperate when the U.S. Government Accountability Office conducts its upcoming survey on the minimum wage and its impact on the local economy.

The survey would also determine the type of workers that are needed on the islands and the kind

of support businesses will need.

"I'd like you to also cooperate when GAO will do a survey on how many number of workers [are needed] so that Congress can make a decision," Sablan told members of the Rotary Club of Saipan during their regular Tuesday meeting at the Hyatt Regency yesterday.

The U.S. Congress is currently on recess and Sablan has been on a marathon speaking engagement with various sec-

Exactly a month before the registration deadline on Sept. 18, the Commonwealth Election Commission yesterday posted nearly 15,000 registered voters for the CNMI general election in November.

As of Aug. 10, a total of 14.815 individuals have registered to participate in the Nov. 7 election, where 40 government positions are up for grabs.

On Saipan alone, there are a total of 12.013 voters in all five election districts. Tinian and Rota have 1,323 and 1,479 voters respectively.

On Saipan, District 1 has the biggest number of voters at 4,035 as of last week. These include San Vicente with 2,276; Koblerville, 997; and San Antonio area, 762.

District 3 comes second, with a total of 3,071 registered voters split into 2,267 in Garapan and 804 in San Jose.

In Kagman, which belongs to District 5, there are a total of 2,150 registered voters. This number is expected to increase in the coming weeks.

The four areas in District 4 recorded 1,625 voters so far, with Tanapag posting 591; San Roque, 526; Capital Hill, 397; and Northern Islands, 111.

For District 2. CEC recorded 1,132 for the areas of Chalan Kanoa and Susupe.

Election Commission officials reiterated yesterday that there are 110 certified voters and four initiatives that will be placed on the ballot for people's ratification in November.

Originally, CEC said, 111 individuals filed their candidacies but one withdrew from the race.

The remaining applicants met the requirements and were certified as official candidates by the election board last week.

The three initiatives that were approved for the November ballots included House Legislative 15-3 which calls for the selection of student and teacher representatives to the Board of Education; and House Legislative 16-11, which prohibit the withdrawal of any funds from the general fund and the proposal to hold the regular elections in even-numbered years.

The commission had earlier confirmed the inclusion of one popular initiative in the general election ballot, which is to subject the Legislature to the Open Government Act. (Moneth G. Deposa)

tors of the local community, discussing primarily issues relating to the upcoming federalization of immigration in the CNMI.

Sablan reiterated his position against a further delay in the implementation of federalization, which is just three and a half months away.

"I haven't changed my mind about more delays in the implementation of federalization for the sake of delay, or for the sake of the many arguments going on," he said.

He said he is certain that the federal government will accommodate guest workers within five years, except that there will be issues to clarify such as those who will not qualify under the visa requirement.

"We're depending on foreign workers. Congress will accommodate them within a period of

This will depend, however, on the transition law and Sablan wants businesses to make their recommendations now, as Congress wants to prepare the legislation on a one-time basis. Based on some of these recommendations, Congress can make its decision on the issue, he said.

The next thing that should be done, Sablan said, will be to teach CNMI citizens to take on the jobs that are presently entrusted to foreign workers.

'We have to initiate training programs for them to become bookkeepers, carpenters, etc. and explain to them that there is nothing wrong with flipping burgers," he said.

Visa waiver issue

On the issue of visa waivers, Sablan said he is not comfortable

talking about it because there is no final rule yet. But he said there is no reason to panic yet.

"They will have to put that into the regulations," he said.

He said there is still a process of appealing to include Russia and China in the waiver program.

"We need to have that appeal process. They could include them this year and exclude them next year. And we are going to be in the same situation again," he said.

"The rule in the visa waiver is an interim final rule, which means it is not yet final," he added.

The real problem about Russia, he said, is an issue with the U.S. Department of State. "It is a problem that is going on in Europe," he added.

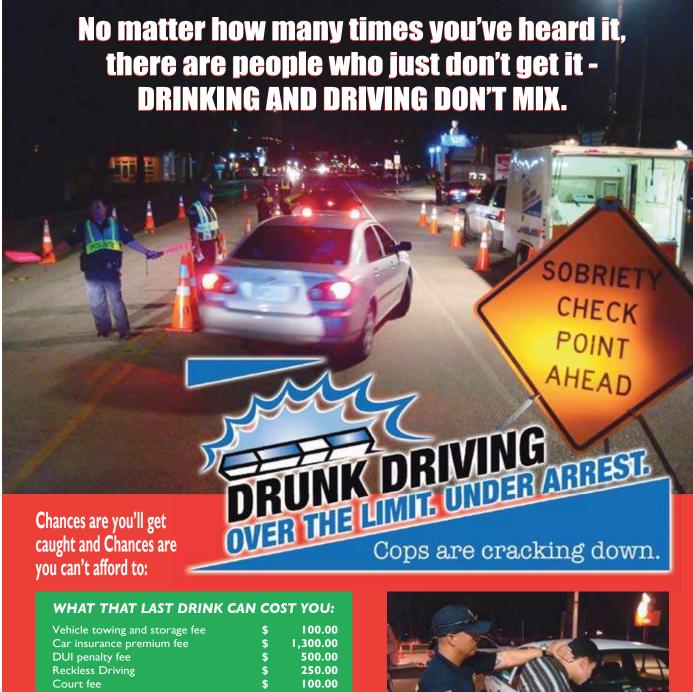
The problem with China is with the Pentagon and it has something to do with Guam.

"They don't want the Chinese to be working on projects for the military, they don't want the Chinese to be working nearby while there is military training on Tinian, so we got a real serious problem," Sablan said.

An appeal process would provide the community with an opportunity to make an appeal if they do not agree with Homeland Security.

"We need to have that appeal process in case we disagree with them because they could include the Russians and Chinese in the visa waiver program today and take it off next year and we will be in the same situation," he said.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security said Russia and China cannot be included in the visa waiver program because of political, security, and law enforcement concerns.



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Insurance firm challenges Labor procedures in bond disputes

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE REPORTER

An insurance company has filed a lawsuit in federal court to challenge the CNMI Department of Labor's mechanism and procedures in resolving bond disputes.

Royal Crown Insurance Corp., through lawyer G. Anthony Long, sued the CNMI government and acting Labor Secretary Jacinta M. Kaipat before the U.S. District Court for

Kaipat is on leave because she is running for a Senate position this November.

Royal Crown asked the court to issue a decision declaring that Labor's proce-

dures, policies, and practices for addressing bonding disputes violate procedural and substantive due process under the 14th Amendment.

It asked the court to require the CNMI government and Kai-

pat to adopt procedures governing bonding disputes that comply with due process.

Royal Crown issues bonds in favor of Labor to secure the performance of certain obligations by employers of foreign contract workers.

Long stated in the complaint

that the mechanism and procedures employed by Labor concerning administrative actions against bonding companies such as Royal Crown violate procedural and substantive due process as guaranteed by the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

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2008, despite being able to trim costs in 2006 and 2007.

Rep. Edward T. Salas (R-Saipan) said the travel figures are "alarming," considering the present economic conditions.

"With our current economic state, I believe that it behooves legislators to curtail its travel expenses. This is an area we can look at in the next fiscal budget and possibly set a cap on the appropriation level for this unit," Salas told Saipan Tribune when asked for comment.

The Legislature spent \$842,104 in locally funded travel in 2005. This dropped to \$622,715 in 2006 and then to \$588,771 in 2007.

However, legislative travel spending spiked in 2008 to \$622,065

Salas said the increase in spending in 2008 is "substantial."

Between Jan. 1 and June 30, 2009, legislative spending on travel reached \$237,033.

House Speaker Arnold I.

Palacios (R-Saipan) and Senate President Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan), along with other lawmakers, could not be reached for comment.

Excluded costs

These government travel expenses only include those funded by local funds. They do not include those for medical referrals and those using federal funds.

Locally funded travel expenses reached \$2,702,709 in 2005.

A year later when Gov. Benigno R. Fitial took office, travel spending was reduced by 40 percent to \$1,085,148.

Travel spending was further reduced by 3 percent in 2007 at \$1,566,874.

The government posted another 21 percent cut in travel cost in 2008, pegged at only \$1,228,552.

For the first six months of 2009. however, total travel spending already reached \$645,126.

In March 2008, Fitial ordered a ban on all off island training and conferences for all government departments and autono-

mous agencies, except those reviewed by the Office of Personnel Management.

Executive Branch

Travel spending by the Executive Branch stood at \$955,716 in 2005. This was reduced by 39 percent to only \$582,957 in 2006. In 2007, spending costs further dropped to \$415,812.

By 2008, Executive Branch travel spending reached only \$202,924—a 51 percent drop compared to the previous year and a 79 percent reduction compared to 2005.

Press secretary Charles Reyes yesterday said since taking office. Fitial has made great efforts to reduce government costs. Part of this, he added, simply reflects the necessity of reducing travel costs as revenues fell.

"But a significant part of this cost reduction also reflects Governor Fitial's prudent management of scarce resources. For example, when he travels, Fitial normally travels alone or with very few essential staff members accompanying him," Reyes said.

Much of the governor's travel costs include trips to Washington, D.C. for hearings or visits in connection with important policy matters, including federalization, he said.

Reyes said the governor has also attended National Governors Association meetings in the U.S., met with former President Bush for the Marine Monument proclamation, met with President Obama, and many of the governors to establish greater awareness of the CNMI. Fitial's trips also include Guam and Micronesia for the Micronesian Chief Executives Summit.

'We expect to keep travel costs under control for the remainder of the year," said Reyes.

But during the first six months of calendar year 2009, Executive Branch travel costs already reached \$231.781, more than what it spent for the whole 2008.

2008 and 2009 spending

Of all the offices and agencies under the Executive Branch, the Office of the Governor spent the most in 2008 with \$64,314.

For the first six months of 2009 alone, the Office of the Governor's travel spending already reached \$90,714, surpassing the whole 2008 level.

The Department of Finance came in second with \$32,018 in 2008, and \$25,812 for the first half of 2009.

Third on the list is the Office of the Attorney General with \$25,270 in 2008, but this was already surpassed by the travel spending for the first six months of 2009 of \$40,414.

Rota, Tinian

Tinian travel spending was pegged at \$364,014 in 2005, but this dropped to \$104,462 in 2006 before going up to \$173,990 in 2007. By 2008, spending was trimmed anew to \$132,007.

For the first six months of 2009, Tinian spending was \$67,366.

Travel spending by Rota reached \$277,175 in 2005, but was dropped to \$121,975 in 2006.

But after trimming travel costs the previous year, Rota

spending spiked to \$179,279 in 2007 before reducing it anew to \$145,437 in 2008.

Between Jan. 1 and June 30, 2009, Rota travel cost was only \$32,892

Travel costs by the Saipan Mayor's Office reached \$63,831 in 2005, which was greatly reduced to only \$28,634 in 2006.

However, the figures rose to \$48,348 and \$50,940 in 2007 and 2008, respectively.

Travel spending of \$53,256 for the first six months of 2009 already surpassed last year's

The former Office of the Washington Representative spent \$115.585 in 2005. This went down to \$101,430 in 2006 but increased to \$138,768 in 2007. This substantially dropped to \$41,167 in 2008 when the office closed following the election of the CNMI's first nonvoting delegate to the U.S. Congress, Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan. But Finance data still shows \$10,294 in spending by the Washington Resident Representative's office during the first six months of the year.

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the business history of majority of Koreans here.

He admitted that most Korean businesses were initially opposed to federalization but since it is already law, then they can't do anything about it anymore.

"We don't want federalization because we know it would kill our investments here...but we have no choice," he said.

The association members, he said, are not also convinced that federalization would give "security" to their investments. Rather, they believe it would place more stress on their businesses.

Besides the possible entry of mostly U.S. business competitors, Gyunggu said that existing businesses may not be able to keep the needed workforce as a result of "expenses" to be incurred in securing visas for the workers.

The Department of Homeland Security had delayed the first implementation of the NMI federalization from June 1 to Nov. 28. A request to delay it further to 2010 is on the table at present.

But Gyunggu said the more federalization is delayed, the more would it cause worries for them.

"As long as we're clueless on what will really happen after Nov. 28, worries will remain with us. Let this happen as scheduled and from there, we can adjust and plan for our businesses here," he said, adding that the fate of some Korean businesses will be decided after finding out the actual "effect" of federalization.

Some Koreans who are employees of various firms and business have a different view of federalization, believing this will give them "unlimited stay or employment," which the association president believes is unlikely to happen.

Gyunggu admitted that since the beginning of the fiscal year, about 40 Korean businesses have already closed shop due to the slow economy, the minimum wage hike, and issues about federalization.

He said since the slowdown in the CNMI's tourism industry, Korean businesses have started to suffer.

"I know a lot of Korean businessmen who closed shops and left...after so many years of doing business here," he said. Based on the association's

record, there are 112 businesses that are registered and are members of the group. However, Gyunggu believes that there are about 500 small and large Korean investments on island, including nonmembers of the association.

He said majority of Korean businesses that are still on island are holding on to the hope that the military buildup in Guam

heard about it through her col-

would benefit the CNMI.

"That's the only hope they're seeing ... and they're holding on to that," he said.

Gyunggu owns three businesses on island, including laundry services for hotels, water treatment for companies, and leasing some office spaces.

Next week, the Korean consul in Guam will be meeting with the association to listen and discuss issues about CNMI federalization. From there, a consensus among members is expected to be expressed by the group.

for doctors.

Two doctors left earlier this year for different reasons.

Commonwealth Health Center chief medical officer Dr. Divya Sharma (internal medicine) resigned in May while Dr. Laura Shevy (internal medicine) left in July after the expiration of her contract.

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tremely satisfying, having witnessed the birth of new babies as well as the deaths of men and women whom she loved while she managed the medical needs of everyone in between.

"The decision for me to leave Tinian has not been an easy one and I will miss it terribly,' Clawson said.

She said she is now a better person for having lived and worked on Tinian."

"I hope that in some way I have touched the lives of the Tinian community and that they,

too, will be better for having known me," Clawson said.

She offered no reasons for leaving except that her contract is expiring.

THC's nursing assistant Porsha Palacios said in a telephone interview that Clawson is currently on vacation in the U.S. mainland for over a month. Her contract will expire on Aug. 31.

She said there is only one provider now for all patients on Tinian. "With one provider, it's really hard for us here," she said.

She said Clawson did not tell her personally about her plans to leave but that she

leagues. Acting Public Health Secretary Pete Untalan said he had

renewing her contract. Hiring of personnel for the Commonwealth's hospital system has been a continuing challenge for the DPH, especially

just heard about Clawson not

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landfill and other development projects will have a difficult time moving forward," he said.

Hofschneider was one of those who submitted written concerns to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan during his first town hall meeting on Tinian Monday night.

Two-thirds of lands on Tinian have been leased by the U.S. Department of Defense. Under its 50-year lease agreement with the CNMI, the landowner, the

military retains exclusive use, control and possession of these lands on Tinian.

Tinian has long been pushing for the development of a new environmentally sound landfill. The government has already spent some \$750,000 in local funding for an environmental impact statement for the proposed location of the landfill.

"However, we have had to hold back on plans to move forward with this location because of the possible military use of the land," Hofschneider told Sablan.

The senator asked the del-

egate to work with the U.S. Department of Defense to find a concrete timeline and plan for the military's use of Tinian as a training ground.

Hofschneider also said the island would like to see some "residual benefits" from the military buildup in Guam, particularly military training taking place on Tinian.

"The temporary or permanent deployment of U.S. soldiers on our island would have a significant trickle down effect on our local economy. We hope that you will continue to work with the United States military per-

sonnel in ensuring that the people of Tinian may benefit from the military buildup on Guam," he added.

Tourism. national park

Besides the landfill project and the military buildup, Hofschneider also raised anew the idea of designating as a national park the Tinian North Field, which is one of the most significant World War II sites in the Pacific as stated in a September 2001 report by the National Park Service.

The Tinian North Field was the staging area for the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki to end the war.

"I believe that a national park at North Field could be a tremendous draw for visitors to our island," said the senator, who is seeking re-election.

Hofschneider also said the CNMI should continue to work with the federal government for the future inclusion of Chinese and Russian tourists in the joint Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program. Tinian's casino industry relies on Chinese tourists.

The senator also lauded Sablan for holding a town hall meeting on Tinian on Monday night.

Sablan held a similar town hall meeting on Rota on Thursday night, and at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe on Saipan Friday night. Last night, another Saipan town hall meeting was held at Kagman High School.

The town hall meetings gave Sablan a chance to give an update on what he and his office have done since the CNMI elected its first non-voting delegate to the U.S. Congress. It also gave community members a chance to directly ask and hear from the delegate on issues they wish to raise with him.

Cash for clunkers: Trade old cars with new ones

REPORTER

Unknown to many motorists in the CNMI, they can receive \$3,500 to \$4,500 in refund vouchers by turning in their old, gasguzzling vehicles and buying newer, more fuel efficient ones under the national "Cash for Clunkers" program or the Car Allowance Rebate System, CARS.

President Obama signed a bill extending the program by allocating \$2 billion more when the original \$1 billion earmarked for the program ran out.

According to some estimates, the \$3 billion Cash for Clunkers program could result in an \$18 billion boost to the overall economy.

The CNMI economy is on its way to benefit from the national program.

Joeten Motor Co. Inc., one of the three members of the Commonwealth Auto Dealers Association, is aggressively promoting the national program in the CNMI.

Under the program, vehicles

gible for refund vouchers worth \$3,500 to \$4,500 on traded-in gas guzzlers.

The trade-in vehicle has to get a combined city and highway fuel economy rating of 18 miles per gallon or less.

Matthew Deets, general manager of Joeten Motor Co. Inc., said yesterday the U.S. Senate's approval of another \$2 billion will keep the program going and he expects consumers to take advantage of this program.

"We were getting inquiries even before the program started," he said.

Deets, who is also CADA president, said any person in the CNMI has the same opportunity to avail of the program as a person on the U.S. mainland.

For vehicle owners to avail of the program, they have to understand the minimum qualification requirements:

- 1. Vehicles must have been manufactured less than 25 year before the date of trade in.
- 2. Vehicles must have a

"new" combined city/highway fuel economy of 18 miles per gallon or less

- 3. Vehicle must be in drivable condition.
- 4. Vehicle must be continuously insured and registered to the same owner for a full year preceding the trade in.

Deets said if consumers are interested in getting a new, more fuel efficient vehicle, this is the time to do it.

"The Cash for Clunkers program will run until the funding is exhausted, then it is over. Basically, the U.S. government will give you either \$3,500 or \$4,500 for your old car even if it isn't worth that much," he said.

Joeten Motors started advertising the Cash for Clunkers program last week, and has had a very positive response. A lot of people are calling in and coming to the dealership to see if their vehicle qualifies for the program, Deets said.

"We have qualified a few vehicles and have taken in two clunkers as part of the program so far. We are fortunate to have Ford, Nissan and Honda authorized for the program so almost 90 percent of our new car inventory qualifies under the program requirements for new vehicles," he added.

Disposal

Deets said the traded-in vehicles have to be disabled and can never be resold.

"The current disposal process is that the dealer may disable the engine then the unit must be stored until it can be destroyed. All the oil, coolant and other chemicals must be removed from the vehicles then it can be crushed. We are currently looking at ways of disposing of the cars with a recycler," said Deets.

Douglas Brennan, general manager of Microl Corp., said his company is also enrolled in the Cash for Clunkers program but said they ran into a hiccup, which is the lack of a certified disposal facility.

"The only way dealers can be reimbursed by the federal government is if they have that facility," he said, but added that Microl is helping fellow CADA member Joeten Motors seek exemption from this requirement.

He said the request has already been sent to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

"Microl Corp. is in support of this program, to get old cars off the road and replaced with more fuel efficient ones," he said, adding that the more customers are educated about the program, the better for their decision making.

Randy Steele, general manager of Triple J Motors, did not respond to Saipan Tribune inquiry as of press time yesterday.

National auto industry experts estimate that 750,000 clunkers will be scrapped as a result of the program, leading to the sale of 750,000 new cars.

Executives at auto companies have also said that probably only about half of those vehicles would have been purchased if the program did not exist.

For more information about the Cash for Clunkers or CARS program, visit the official government website at www.cars.gov.

Tropical Storm Vamco 11W still threatens NI

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Tropical Depression 11W, now called Tropical Storm Vamco 11W, continued moving northwest yesterday with maximum winds of 45 miles per hour.

As this developed, Tropical Depression Maka, which was spotted 370 miles southeast of Wake Island as of 1pm yesterday, is expected to weaken and may dissipate in the next 24 hours.

According to the CNMI Emergency Management Office and the National Weather Service, the center of Tropical Storm Vamco was spotted 830

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miles east of Saipan, 510 miles north of Pohnpei, and 630 miles northeast of Chuuk at 1pm yesterday.

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EMO said Tropical Storm Vamco 11W is expected to gradually intensify in the next 24 hours.

EMO reminded the public, including those on the northern islands of Agrihan, Alamagan, and Pagan, to follow the progress of Tropical Storm Vamco 11W. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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Sanctions await violators of PSS bus riders' policy

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Students who are found violating the Public School System's bus rider policy will be subjected to disciplinary actions, including sanctions against the child's parents, according to a PSS official.

In a two-page letter to parents of public school students on three islands, Associate Commissioner for Administrative Services Peter James Le'au advised parents and guardians of their shared responsibility if their children are determined to be non-compliant with bus regulations.

"It is a right for your child, 6-16 years, to receive free public education and be able to ride to school...but when your child damages government property he/she will be held responsible and you as the responsible parent/ guardian," Le'au told parents.

If a child is caught damaging or vandalizing the bus, Le'au said the child will not be allowed on the bus until his/her parents have completely paid in full the amount for the damage and its repair.

If a child is disrespectful or inattentive toward the bus driver, he or she will not be allowed on the bus until parents have met with the school principal and the bus driver.

The student-violator would also be required to write a letter of apology to the bus driver to teach the child how to show respect.

To ensure the smooth transport of kids to and from schools, PSS has decided to assign sitting arrangements where older students would sit at the front seat of every bus.

"Bus rider students must comply with the policy and rules. ... If they violate the policy, they will be subject to discipline under the PSS student discipline code," Le'au said.

Because bus drivers are responsible for enforcing bus policies, anyone who fails to implement the rules may also result in disciplinary actions against the driver, including suspension or dismissal.

Attached to the memorandum to parents was a one-page bus riders' request form where parents are informed about the details of their children's bus schedule.

In an earlier interview with PSS bus team leader Steve M. Pangelinan, he said that 16 of the 19 buses on Saipan are ready for school opening next month.

Pangelinan said PSS is antici-

pating seven new 66-seat passenger buses around December this year, of which five will be assigned to Saipan and one each for Rota and Tinian.

The new fleet, funded by the Federal Transit Administration, was procured using federal assistance provided to PSS in Fiscal Year 2009.

Once the new vehicles are delivered, Saipan will have a total of 25 regular buses, while Tinian will have three and Rota two

In school year 2008-2009. approximately 3,400 kids were transported by school buses on a daily basis. Enrollment last year was nearly 11,000 on the three islands.

In anticipation of the continuous increases in enrollment every year, Pangelinan said some 30 to 35 buses will eventually be needed for Saipan schools, while Rota and Tinian may need four buses each.

NMC registration until Saturday

Registration will be ongoing for the upcoming Fall 2009 semester at the Northern Marianas College until Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009. Those interested in furthering their education and advancing their professional careers can register for courses this week.

New students are required to take an English and Math placement test before they register. After taking the placement tests, students can obtain the required slip from the English department and meet with their academic advisors. NMC academic advisors will help new students fill in registration forms and create class schedules. Students can then finish the registration process in Room D-1.

Application for admissions will still be accepted until the last day of registration on Aug. 22 provided that placement tests have been taken.

Ongoing students must clear any outstanding balances at the Finance Office, the Library or the Curriculum Resource Center before they can register for classes. To find out if any balances exist, students can visit the Office of Admissions and Records.

For additional information or inquiries, contact the Office of Admissions and Records at 234-5498 ext. 1528, or log on to www.nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

Pang Kok Hiong and Noel G. Puno PMB 466, Box 10001 Saipan, MP 96950 Telephone No. 235-8540/898-3684 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS In Re The Matter Of FCD GU The Petition To Appoint General Civil Action No. 09-0483 Guardianship For: RI HUA YAO, JIAN NOTICE JUN WANG, XIAO FANG CHEN, NIKKA HEARING CANLAS NATE, YUAN CHEN, and Minor Children,) Pang Kok Hiong and) Noel G. Puno, Petitioner. Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on October 7, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 205, before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo. Dated this 14th day of August, 2009.

/s/ Bernadita A. Sablan

Clerk of Court

SHRM meeting to take up federalization issues

The Society for Human Resource Management will be taking up the issue of federalization of local immigration during its general membership meeting tomorrow, Aug. 20. David Gulick, District Direc-

tor for U.S. Homeland Security-Pacific Region, is scheduled to present at the meeting important information on the plans for federalization.

U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) will also join the group to provide an update on various issues that his office is presently working on.

CNMI businesses, human resource professionals and the community are faced with many challenges ahead due to the scheduled federal takeover of local immigration on Nov. 28, 2009. This meeting is expected to provide vital information to better understand the upcoming changes.

The SHRM membership meeting is scheduled on Aug. 20, from 11:30am to 1pm, at the Sandcastle of the Hyatt Regency Saipan. Doors open at 11:15am for registration. Cost for SHRM members is \$20 and \$30 for non-SHRM members (government purchase orders accepted). Cost includes lunch and presentation materials.

Reservations are requested. Individuals interested in attending this meeting should contact the following: Marlene C. Cruz at marleneccruz@hotmail.com; Denise Montenegro at the HR Office at the Hyatt Regency, 234-1234 or via e-mail at dmontegnegro@hyattsaipan.com; Frannie T. Salas via e-mail at francestsalas@gmail.com.

The Society for Human Resource Management is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. The CNMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization.

Human resource and management professionals who are not members of SHRM are encouraged to join. Applications can be obtained at the meeting or by contacting Frannie T. Salas, membership chair, at francestsalas@gmail.com. (SHRM)



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Drunken teenager arrested for machete assau

A drunken teenager allegedly challenged his father to a fight and held a machete over the head of his father's common-law wife in Kagman 1 Sunday afternoon, resulting in his arrest for assault.

Eddie Jay C. Norita, 18, was apprehended for assault with a dangerous weapon, disturbing the peace, assault, obstructing justice, interference with law enforcement officer or witness, and minor consuming liquor.

Norita told police he did these things because his father does not pay him any attention.

At yesterday's bail hearing, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo imposed a \$10,000 cash bail for Norita's temporary liberty. Preliminary hearing was set for Aug. 26, 2009.

Detective Andrea C. Ozawa Ozawa said. stated in her report that police responded to Kagman 1 on Sunday at 5:48pm after receiving a call about a disturbance.

Ozawa said investigation showed that the drunken Norita threw rocks at their house as his father was showering at that time.

Norita was seen shouting and challenging his father to a fight,

Afraid for their lives, the father and his common-law wife went to the Kagman Fire Substation for help.

When a responding police officer escorted the couple back to their house, they saw Norita swinging a machete.

The officer instructed the teenager to drop the machete, but the

defendant simply smiled and continued walking toward his father.

The officer pulled the father away from Norita. The officer warned that he would use his firearm if the teenager hurts anyone.

Norita, however, did not heed the officer's warning and instead held the machete on the right side of the head of his father's wife.

When Norita later put the ma-

chete down, the officer ran to him and held his right wrist.

A man passing by the area helped hold down the teenager, who swung the machete and hit the passerby's truck.

As he was being arrested, Norita allegedly continued to be combative, saying he was not sorry because he wanted to fight his father. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Saipan's community not as visible as it should

By NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.

Saipan Kiss-In organizer Jonathan Cabrera lamented that the local lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community is not as visible as he believes it should be.

This was evident in the dismal turnout during the nationwide Kiss-In event, which was held at 4am on Sunday at the Minachom Atdao pavilion.

Cabrera said only three people showed up, including himself, despite the number of individuals who initially confirmed their attendance via the social networking site Facebook.

"We had 13 confirmed attendees via Facebook but only three of us showed up," Cabrera said.

Despite the low turnout, he said, they had fun talking, laughing, and then kissing at the appointed hour for the kissing event across 50 United States cities and territories and Canada.

"Taking into account the 4am Kiss-In, I'm glad my two wonderful friends showed up at all," Cabrera said.

He said that national organizers recently told him that they are planning another Kiss-In for next year, sometime in Spring, and making it an annual event.

"So I am looking forward to planning another event here on Saipan. I hope to get more people involved in the planning of the event with regard to raising awareness, getting the word out, and planning a quality program," he said.

Cabrera said that events like the Kiss-In would give the local LGBT community an opportunity to let their voices be heard.

"These events would highlight our presence in this community, and give us a valuable, political edge," Cabrera said.

While there is increasing acceptance of lesbians and gays on the islands, Cabrera said their group remains a marginal part of the wider community.

"There remains a level of shame associated with being LGBT. More importantly, I want my local LGBT sisters and brothers to engage with the national and international discourse on civil and human rights," Cabrera said.

He said events like the Kiss-In would show their determination to stand in solidarity with their LGBT sisters and brothers in the U.S. and around the world.

The Kiss-In occurred simultaneously in response to recent events in three different U.S. cities where gay or lesbian couples have been harassed, detained or arrested for the simple act of kissing in a public place.

Gay rights bloggers David Badash of the New Civil Rights

Project along with David Mailloux of DYM SUM and director

Movement and The Bilerico of the grassroots LGBT organization Willow Witte helped organize the event.



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Happy birthday Dustin Ross Salilin and congratulations for receiving the Green Meadows School President's Award for S.Y. 2008-2009! Wishing you another wonderful year of happiness and joy. May this birthday be just the beginning of a year filled with happy memories, wonderful moments and shining dreams. We love you so much! Greetings come from your Mom and Dad.



Happy, happy birthday greetings go out to Jodeen "Che" Borja who is celebrating her birthday today, Aug. 19. Hoping you have a great and fantabulous one! Much love coming from all of your family and friends.



FUNDRAISING Golf Tournament

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Tinian High School invitation

Do you want to do something for your child? For your school? Be a part of Tinian High School and make that difference in your child's life. Join us on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 7pm at the Tinian Youth Center and voice your opinions and concerns. Agenda will include PTA calendar for SY 2009-10, election of officers and more. For more information, call the Tinian High School at 237-4162, Herman U. Hofschneider at 433-9333. Carla San Nicolas at 433-1800, Rose Lazaro at 433-0657, Lynette I. Hofschneider at 433-3410 or Annie King at 433-3733. (PR)

Life in the Spirit Seminar set

Join the Life in the Spirit Seminar, an annual event sponsored by the Light and Salt Catholic Chariamatic Community. This aims to help re-establish and deepen your personal relationship with Christ, yield in the action of the Holy Spirit and increase in faith. The seminar will be held on Aug. 23 and 24 at St. Jude Parish Church. Invited resouce speakers are Fr. Charlie Borja and Fr. Celso Magbanua.

Part 1: Aug. 23 (Sunday) 10am - 11am: Mass at St. Jude Parish Church

11am - 12pm: Registration and complimentary lunch

12pm - 5pm: Talk (1-5) Part 2: Aug 24 (Monday)



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

or the Preventive Maintenance of the Air-Conditioning Units at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport and CPA Saipan Seaport Building Project No. RFP-006-09

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified air-conditioning and refrigeration companies for service and preventive maintenance of the air-conditioning units at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport and the CPA Saipan Seaport Building, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Scope of Work is available for pick up at the CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, telephone number (670) 237-6500. A pre-proposal meeting and on-site visit is mandatory and to be conducted on Friday, August 28, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Only contractors present at the pre-proposal meeting and on-site inspection of the units will be allowed to submit proposals.

The term of the Service and Preventive Maintenance Services contract shall be for one (1) year. Performance and payment bonds will be required for this project and the cost of acquiring the bonds should be included in the proposed price.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for the Service and Preventive Maintenance of the Air-Conditioning Units at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport/CPA Saipan Seaport Building, Project No. RFP-006-09." Associated costs for the airport and seaport buildings should be submitted together but as separate proposals. Determination of the winning proposal will be based on the overall price for both

All proposals shall be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. local time, Friday, September 11, 2009. to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport

The successful proposer will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the

CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so, would be in CPA's best interest. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest. All proposals shall become the property of CPA.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) will hold a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. RMS-2009-X-057 to conduct quarry operations on 50,000 square meters of land located in Ginalangan, Rota. Quarrying activities will include the use of heavy equipment for crushing, digging, sifting, sorting, and transporting quarry materials.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, September 03, 2009 at 6:30 pm, at the Superior Court House, in Sinapalo, Rota.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and make oral comments regarding this proposed quarry project. The project file is open for review 7:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M. Monday-Friday at the Rota and Saipan CRM offices. Written comments may be submitted to the CRM Rota Office located at the Sangrada Building in Songsong Village, or the CRM Saipan Office located on the 2nd floor of the Morgen Building in Oleai, or mailed to Coastal Resources Management Office, Caller Box 10007, or faxed to 664-8315 or 532-1000. All written and oral comments received will be made a part of the permit application record, and will be considered in any decision made concerning the proposed quarry project.

Please contact Coastal Resources Management at 532-0464 or 664-8300 if you require further information regarding this notice of public hearing.

JOHN B. JOYNER, Ph.D. Director Coastal Resources Management

7:30-9:30pm: Talk (6-7) St. Jude Parish Church

MHS Class of '79 reunion meeting

Attention all MHS Class of 1979 graduates: The final MHS Class of 1979 reunion meeting will be held this Friday, Aug. 21, 2009, at Irene Takai Camacho's Dandan house at 6pm. Final details for the 30th year class reunion will be discussed and decided. Dips and chips and BYOB. Call Irene at 288-2596 between 8am to 3pm for details. (PR)

Kagman High **School notice**

Kagman High School will conduct an orientation for 9th graders (freshmen) on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009, from 9:30am to 11:30am. For 10th graders (sophomores), it will be from 1pm to 3pm at the Kagman High School cafeteria. For 11th graders (juniors) and 12th graders (seniors), orientation will be on Friday, Aug. 28, 2009, from 9:30am to 11:30am. For more information, call 237-3840 or 237-3832; fax 664-3788. (PR)

Additional English placement tests scheduled

The Northern Marianas College

will be conducting additional English placement tests on the following dates:

Aug. 19: 9am – 12pm A-9 Aug. 21: 9am - 12pm A-5

Those who wish to take courses at NMC must take a placement test. Registration for NMC's Fall 2009 semester is still ongoing until Friday, Aug. 21 (9am - 6 pm).

Test takers must bring a valid photo ID (driver's license, passport or school ID) and pencils. No admittance to the testing room will be allowed after the starting time.

There is a \$25 fee for the English placement test that must be paid in advance at the NMC Cashier (M-F, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm). No one will be allowed into the testing room without proof of payment (a receipt for the placement test fee, or the NMC application fee). Payment for the NMC application fee will cover the English placement test fee.

If you have any questions about the English placement test, please call the Languages & Humanities Department at (670) 234-5498 Ext. 2009 or 1242.

For additional information about the placement tests and registration for the Fall 2009 semester, log on to http://www. nmcnet.edu/. (NMC)







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BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILTIES COMMISSION

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ADMINISTRATIVE DOCKET

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING

The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission provides public notice that it is considering the adoption of an administrative order governing certificates of public convenience and necessity for telecommunications services in the Commonwealth pursuant to its authority under 4 CMC \$\\$ 8409[m][4] and 8457. The proposed order is available for public inspection at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's office at the Family Building, Garapan Street, Garapan and on the Chamber's website: www.saipanchamber.com.

The Commission invites public comment regarding the proposed order, which should be submitted by either hand delivery to the Chamber's office or by email to kyle.calabrese@gmail.com not later than September 1, 2009. Inquiries regarding the proposed order should be referred to Commissioner Calabrese at the above email address.

August 19, 2009.



AUG 19, 1999

NMC asked to reduce tuition

The chair of the House Committee on Health, Education and Welfare yesterday urged the Northern Marianas College to lower its tuition charges for local students in effort to assist the cashstrapped government in funding its scholarship program. Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider stressed the full subsidy being provided by both the CNMI and federal governments to the college for its operations should translate to substantial reduction in the tuition costs. Such a move would also help keep a bulk of NMC students in school who have been forced to drop out this semester following a decision by the government to eliminate financial aid to part-time students.

Harkin: CNMI, feds should work together

U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) said the federal government and the Commonwealth should work together to deal with labor problems on the island, but added he has not decided yet whether a federal takeover would be the best solution. "This is a very serious problem and hopefully working together we can reach a solution," he told reporters after laying a wreath at the American Memorial Park yesterday. The visiting senator, who is a member of the Senate Labor Committee, said he was also concerned about the working conditions in the Northern Marianas where there is a large population of alien workers coming from nearby Asian countries.

AUG 19, 2002

Legislature passes \$213M budget

The Legislature finally broke the four-year jinx that has been hounding the budget by passing the \$213.72 million spending plan for Fiscal Year 2003 in back-to-back sessions last Friday. The House of Representatives passed House Bill 13-170 during its morning session on a 17-0 vote, while the Senate took on the bill and passed it during its late afternoon session on a 9-0 vote. This was the bill's first and final appearance in both chambers. The last time the government passed a budget was in Fiscal Year 1999. Since then, deadlock after deadlock between both chambers over the budget has forced the government to operate on continuing resolution level—the spending level the last time a budget was passed.

House lawmakers disappointed

Gov. Juan N. Babauta may have been trying to clarify issues on the fiscal state of the CNMI government when he spoke before a joint meeting of the Legislature Friday, but he failed in this regard, gauging from the majority of reactions among lower chamber lawmakers. Comments ranged from "He did not say anything new" to "It was an insulting speech" that only widened the abyss between the House and the Executive Branch. Most requested, however, that they not be named, in deference to House Speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider, who has declined to issue any reaction or comments until Monday. The Saipan Tribune also tried to obtain comments from the Senate but they were closeted in a leadership meeting.

AUG 19, 2003

NMC, La Fiesta sign deal

The Northern Marianas College now owns La Fiesta Shopping Mall I and II following a purchase contract signing yesterday morning between parties, beating the government's 60-day grant use deadline. "We met the deadline! La Fiesta now belongs to NMC," NMC Board of Regents chairman Vince Seman said in an interview yesterday. Seman said that it was the "first phase" of the contract signing, which involved the release of \$2 million to the parties concerned. The second down payment of \$1.5 million would be made on October 15.

6 people arrested for illegal entry

Authorities detained an American national and six Filipinosincluding an infant boy—who unlawfully entered the CNMI by boat that traveled from the Philippines. The Attorney General's Office yesterday filed 12 criminal charges against William Frank Malpezzi, the 47-year-old American national. He allegedly piloted the boat that brought in the six Filipino nationals who had no immigration documents with them, except for their respective passports. Assistant Attorney General Justin Wolosz, the AGO's immigration enforcement attorney, said the Filipinos have been detained at the immigration detention center. He identified them as Robert P. Taganas, 31; Adonis A. and Arlyn A. Adajar, 21 and 30, respectively; Ronie M. Inocencio, 21; Dennis M. Gajisan, 28; and a one-year-and-eight-months-old boy.

ADB: Most Pacific economies seen shrinking

MANILA, Philippines (AP)— The economies of most South Pacific islands are expected to contract this year due to weak tourism and remittances, the Asian Development Bank said Monday.

The global economy is showing signs of stabilizing,

but the full impact from the Pacific is forecast to contract downturn in the U.S., Australia and New Zealand has yet to hit 14 island nations in the region monitored by the Manilabased lender.

Excluding the resource-rich Papua New Guinea and East Timor, economic growth in the by 0.4 this year after posting 5.1 percent growth last year, the ADB said in a report.

Including those two nations, where the discovery of oil and other commodities are lifting growth prospects, regional economic growth will expand 2.8

percent, it said.

Five other major economies — the Cook Islands, Fiji, Palau, Samoa and Tonga are all expected to contract. No growth is projected in the Solomon Islands because of falling log prices.

Australian tourists have be-

gun returning to Fiji, but growth in tourism was seen to be slowing elsewhere until next year. Inflation has eased across the region except in Fiji, although the recent rise in crude prices may push up inflation for the rest of year.

Low or negative economic growth in most of the Pacific states in the past decade has held back development, with only

six of the 14 countries recording a slight improvement in gross domestic output per person over the 10 years.

The 14 nations include East Timor, Marshall Islands, Fiji, the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, the Cook Islands, Tonga, Samoa, Palau, Vanuatu, Tuvalu, the Federated States of Micronesia and Nauru

USDA implements farm storage facility loan program

MAITE, Guam—Changes to the Farm Storage Facility Loan program have been implemented in accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill, according to Tom Camacho, county executive director of USDA's Farm Service Agency for Guam and the CNMI. The USDA Farm Service Agency administers FSFL on behalf of the USDA Commodity Credit Corp.

"This program helps to ensure that producers have adequate capacity to store their harvested maximum principal amount of a the amount of the loan. Interproduction until they sell it on the open market," said Camacho "USDA is committed to providing the necessary resources to keep producers financially solvent before, during and after each crop year."

The FSFL Program provides low-interest financing for producers of eligible commodities to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. The

loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a down payment of 15

percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the

net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. Loan terms of seven, 10, or 12 years are available depending on

est rates for each term may be different and are based on the rate that CCC borrows from the

> Treasury Department.

Partial funding www.fsa.usda.gov can be made after

a portion of the construction has been completed. The final fund disbursement will be made when all construction is completed. The maximum amount of the partial disbursement will be 50 percent of the projected and approved total loan amount.

Applications for FSFL must be submitted to the FSA county office that maintains the farm's records. An FSFL must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin.

The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans:

Corn, grain sorghum, rice, soybeans, oats, peanuts, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain;

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FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

DATE: August 18, 2009

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The House Standing Committee on Commerce and Tourism would like to solicit comments from the general public on Senate Bill 16-60 "To enhance enforcement powers and authority under the Alcohol Beverage Control Act; and for other purposes". Copies of the legislation may be obtained from the following

- 1. Request to the Office of Representative Joseph C. Reyes
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Members of the general public are encouraged to submit written testimony on or before August 31, 2009. To submit written testimony, please drop-off or fax to the Office of Representative Joseph C. Reyes (664-8838) or may be mailed to P.O. Box 500586 Saipan, MP 96950. You can also submit your digital copies to rep.jcreyes@gmail.com.

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Rep. Joseph C. Reyes Chairman

Commonwealth Zoning Board

CONTACT INFO

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Date: August 19, 2009, Wednesday

Time : 6:00pm

Place: Kagman Community Social Hall

The Zoning Board will hold a public hearing for concerns and issues which members of the Kagman community may have. Everyone is encouraged to Comments may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office no later than 4:30 pm, August 20, 2009, or they may be submitted via e-mail to staff@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or delivered to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

For more information, please contact Victor Barrett, Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Division 3 of Title 10 CMC).

/s/ Henry S. Hofschneider, Chairman.

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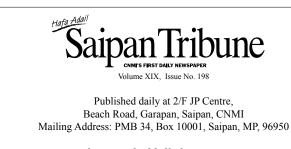
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EDITORIAL

China's great firewall

ast Thursday, China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology announced its withdrawal of requirements that Green Dam Internet censorship software come pre-installed on all computers. This victory is not unblemished. China is continuing to install the software in computers at Internet cafes and universities. And some manufacturers continue to include it with computers shipped to the country. But the outcome—although not perfect—is a success for the Chinese people and the cause of Internet freedom.

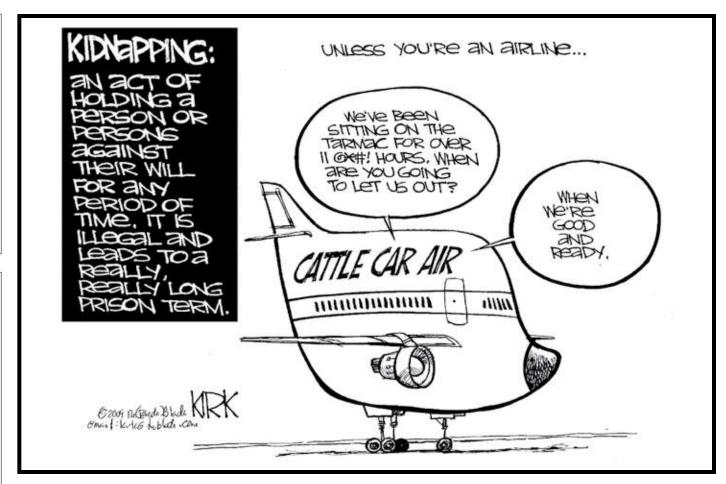
The prevailing argument from Western companies that have been dealing with China has often been that of inevitability—if we don't accept Chinese demands, someone else will. But the successful pushback against Green Dam by computer manufacturers and the State Department suggests another possibility: If everyone remains firm, we can achieve results.

The principle that Green Dam embodied—centering censorship at the level not of the network but of the individual computer—was pernicious. But there was a lot wrong with the software itself. It was poorly constructed, with security vulnerabilities that could have enabled hackers to turn the entire Chinese computer network into a malicious botnet. Even as censorship software, it had problems: It worked only in Internet Explorer, not in Firefox or Google's Chrome. The decision to cease requiring Green Dam may have turned on pragmatic concerns as well as industry objections.

Green Dam, with all its inefficiencies, was just another brick in China's Great Firewall. In the face of its people's efforts to elude censors and use the Internet to access information freely, China has an incredibly complex system of censorship that operates on multiple levels, from programs that detect proscribed keywords and delete them to human beings whose job is to trawl the Internet for potentially seditious postings and delete them. Although there are cracks in the wall, China still effectively controls much of the flow of information. Even without Green Dam, it shut down YouTube and Twitter in preparation for the 20th anniversary of Tiananmen Square.

That's why commitment to anti-censorship technologies remains essential. The key to freedom for the Chinese people is free access to information. Even if some Western companies continue to kowtow to Chinese demands—for instance, in the realm of search censorship—the availability of technology to evade China's firewall will make such limitations less meaningful. But until the Great Firewall falls, the lesson of Green Dam is clear: If industries stand together to oppose unreasonable demands, China is willing to listen. Doing business with China does not have to mean accepting its terms when they are unjust.

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Correction to 'misleading' story

Editor's Note: U.S Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) issued these statements in response to what he described as a "misleading" article in the Aug. 17 edition of the Marianas Variety concerning the proposed Guam-CNMI visa waiver program, and an article in the Aug. 17 Saipan Tribune regarding the recent increase in food stamp benefits.

hile I am a firm believer in the freedom of the press, Monday's story in the Marianas Variety (Russia, China out of visa waiver program) has left many people in our community understandably demoralized and frightened about the prospects for the continuation of a visa waiver program for Chinese and Russian visitors to the Northern Marianas Islands.

I want to make it completely clear to everyone that the Department of Homeland Security has issued an "interim final rule" on the visa waiver program, not a final rule, as the *Marianas Variety* reported me to have said.

It is true that this "interim final rule" would not permit Chinese and Russian tourists to come into the Northern Mariana Islands, as they now do, without obtaining a visa before arrival.

However, our community is of one voice on this issue: We want Chinese and Russians to continue to be able to enter the Commonwealth easily, so that the Northern Mariana Islands are viewed as a welcoming destination for these visitors.

The recent visit of House Natural Resources Committee chair Nick Rahall and the five members of Congress, including myself, who were part of that delegation, was a unique opportunity for our community to make itself heard on this issue. And we did. I believe Chairman Rahall does now understand the importance of the visa waiver program to our economy.

Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee chair David Price, likewise, heard our message, when he led a congressional delegation here in July at my invitation.

The need for continuation of the visa waiver program was also heard loud and clear at the May hearing I called for on this issue before the House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans, and Wildfire.

And I have made numerous personal contacts with Administration officials, including twice with Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, to bring the visa waiver issue to the forefront of their consideration.

All of this effort is having an effect, I believe, and a change in the interim final rule is possible.

But we must understand that we face some considerable obstacles on this matter. Most importantly, the U.S. military buildup in our region has heightened concerns about security. And, no matter how friendly our Chinese and Russian tourists may seem to us, to certain factions in the U.S. government people, allowing these visitors to enter without a heightened form of scrutiny is viewed as a threat to the security of our nation.

The visa waiver—and other issues surrounding the transition to federal control of immigration—is also stuck in the crack between two Administrations. The previous Republican Administration wrote the very restrictive visa waiver regulation that we want to

By GREGORIO KILILI C. SABLAN Special to the Saipan Tribune



change. The Democratic Administration of President Obama is still staffing up its political appointees and necessarily dealing with the biggest immigration problems first, such as border problems with Mexico and the millions of illegal aliens living and working within the United States. While the visa waiver program is very important to us, it is small compared to other issues the new Obama Administration must deal with.

So we must be persistent and we must be persuasive. We must accept that this is an uphill battle with no guarantee of success. But we must not give up. And most certainly we should not think that the continuance of a visa waiver program for the Northern Mariana Islands is a closed issue.

We can still prevail and keep the visa waiver program that makes it easy for Chinese and Russians to visit our islands. That is the goal I continue to work for; and, I think, the goal all of us in the Northern Mariana Islands should keep working for.

I am also concerned that the article in the *Saipan Tribune*, concerning the significant increase in food stamp benefits that has now gone into effect, fails to recognize why is this increase occurred. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which the Democrat-led House of Representatives passed in February, included at 13.6 percent increase in food stamp benefits.

However, the Northern Mariana Islands do not receive food stamp benefits by law, but through a memorandum of agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. So it was necessary for me to follow up on passage of ARRA and ask the Secretary of Agriculture to extend the 13.6 percent to the NMI. Secretary Thomas J. Vilsack very generously reprogrammed \$1.459 million from other Agriculture programs in response to my request. This meant that the Northern Mariana Islands is now receiving a \$12.148 million annual grant.

Secretary Vilsack also responded to my request by dictating that in the future, funding increases for the NMI will be aligned with other insular areas, assuring that we will not slip through the cracks again.

CNMI officials who were "surprised" at the increase in funding should understand this was no accident. And everyone in the Northern Mariana Island, who benefits from the food stamp program should be very grateful to Secretary Vilsack for fulfilling the Obama Administration's commitment to "fully meet the nutritional needs of low-income people affected by economic times."

I know that I am very grateful to the Secretary and look forward to continuing to work with him and his department in a way that further benefits the people of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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SAIPANPRENEUR PROFILE

Carol, Anna & Rose of Canton Restaurant: The 25-year Chan Dynasty

Walt: What is it about your individual personalities and pas-

the children growing up here, Saipan became our new home.

he only way to take control of your life, raise your standard of living and move beyond merely surviving is to create your own unique product or service that you offer to increasing numbers of people in exchange for the things of value that you desire. This simple formula applies to countries as well as people. A self-sufficient economy has its own products or services of value to export to the world. Similarly, a self-sufficient individual has something of value to exchange in the global marketplace. That thing of value is based on your natural talent, skill, or interest—in other words, your passion!

Once upon a time, in the spring of 1982, a man named Chan Kwok Chung, a Hong Kong national, and retired officer of the fire department, visited the island of Saipan for the first time and fell in love with the sandy beaches, laidback lifestyle and warm people. He returned in the summer of 1984, and encouraged his daughter, Carol, and her husband, Tony Wong, to come with him to start a business there—which they launched on Aug. 22, 1984.

Twenty-five years later, this coming Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009,

sions that has helped the business survive all these years? All: Carol was also a waitress at a restaurant in Hong Kong before. She was voted as having the best smile and most friendly

personality by the hotel management as part of a tourist campaign. She's also very exact and strict about doing business. Rose is very pretty, sociable and lots of fun. Ever since she was a girl, she wanted to keep in shape and stay attractive. Anna is very helpful and kind. She was very shy when she was younger, now not so much! Hard work has been the most important thing. Our father always said, "What you plant is what you get!"

Walt: Canton celebrates 25 years this week. Who are your customers?

Rose: From the beginning until now, we based everything on serving the local community. When we started, it was only about 10 percent tourists. Even when the tourist numbers got higher, it's still 70 percent local residents who come here. People come for family gatherings, weddings, birthdays—Filipinos, Chamorro, Americans,

Chinese, Japanese. Every-

Walt: Even with the state of the economy, people still come to your restaurant. Why? What's your secret?

Anna: We've been here a long time! Our customers have been coming for many generations. We have four generations of customers. They came with their grandparents, and they become grandparents and still come We believe our restaurant is deep within their hearts. They don't forget us.

Carol: They may come less, but they still come.

Walt: This is a question I ask every entrepreneur: What makes you different?



Back, Eden, Merly, Chung Wah, Josie, Gina, Ming, Chi, Tony Wong, and Resty. Front, Rose Chan, Carol Wong Chan, and Anna Chan. Not shown, supervisor Chit.

Walt: So, what made you get into the restaurant business?

and share those thoughts with us.

his three daughters—Carol, Anna, and Rose—will celebrate their

father's legacy, and a quarter of a century of doing business as

Saipan's famous Canton Restaurant! In today's column, the ladies

reflect on the early years, Saipan's development, the current climate,

Anna: Food is our family's passion. Our family had a restaurant in Hong Kong, too. Our entire family has always been into gourmet eating. We're all good cooks, and when we were in Hong Kong, we were always eating at different restaurants and experiencing foods of all the different cultures.

Carol: It was my father who wanted to start a restaurant here on Saipan. My husband was also a cook working in a 5-star hotel in Hong Kong.

Walt: You've grown a bit from a small restaurant with two employees in 1984 until now. Tell us how things developed.

Anna: After Carol, Rose was the next sister to come to Saipan in 1986, followed by Anna in 1988. Three years after the restaurant started, we took over the store next door from the landlord and started to sell Chinese products. My father spoke Thai, and we were one of the first on the island to sell Thai and Chinese products for the men and women working in the garment factories. As more businesses opened selling to Chinese, I changed the focus of the store to selling pets and pet supplies. We expanded the restaurant and also took over the second floor after the tenants left. Now, Carol runs the restaurant. Anna runs the pet store next door. Rose, who is now married to Yoshi Masuda, runs the beauty parlor and karaoke bar on the second floor, and today, we have 15 employees.

Walt: Do you run your 'empire' as a team or individually?

Rose: Each person makes the decisions for her business, but since we are a family, we collaborate and get ideas and input from each other.

Walt: Why have you stayed so long? Do you miss Hong Kong?

Anna: Saipan has developed a lot. There's a stable life. Carol has two sons who were born here and in Hong Kong, and went to school here so this is their home.

Carol: Why we stayed? Well, it was easier to run a business here. The competition was not as much as in Hong Kong. And yes, we missed Hong Kong for the first few years, but with business being good, and

What do people get here that they cannot get anywhere else?

Carol: Being from Hong Kong, we were exposed to both European and Asian cultures. So, we have European and Chinese dishes. Not like other Chinese restaurants who aren't familiar. For example, customers like our Western sizzling steak, and our Italian and French dishes and we are always adding dishes from other countries and other styles. We introduced steamed fish with ginger onion sauce. With the famous parrot fish here on Saipan, this has become a popular dish among the local customers.

Rose: We also know what our customers like.

Anna: (explains): ...because we have customers who make special requests all the time. She knows all of them. It's all in Carol's mind, what the customers want; attorneys, doctors, judges, teachers and other



Anna Chan, Rose Chan, Carol Wong Chan of Canton Restaurant.

THE SAIPANPRENEUR PROJECT

Creating economic success for the CNMI By WALT F.J. GOODRIDGE Special to the Saipan Tribune

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how to prepare the food. For example, we know [name withheld] likes olive oil for his fried noodles. We know how [name. . .] likes his shrimp. We know [name...] likes her soup with more sesame oil.

regular customers; we know them, so when they come I tell the chef

In speaking with others in the community, I learned that even world famous lawyer, Johnny Cochran, ate at Canton in July 1996 and was overheard afterwards to say "This is a really nice restaurant!"

Carol: We also have a special secret recipe for chili "XO" Sauce. That's our secret recipe. People here on island always ask for some to take home. We shared it with the best Chinese restaurant in New York, and we heard that it became a sensation there, too.

Anna: And, the most important thing we have is our employees! We could not do any of this without our employees. They are very, very loval to us. We have employees who have been with us for 12 years, 15 years, some almost 23 years! They know the customers, they know the community. You cannot get that anywhere else!

After two days of interviews, I was saddened at not being able to write more about the ladies of the "Chan dynasty." I learned much about them, but with their trademarked modesty, the ladies wanted to focus more on the restaurant's milestone than their own personal lives and accomplishments.

So, to keep my promise I won't tell you about their role in starting the Chinese Association here on Saipan, or the school for Chinese children, or how they raised funds for the tsunami victims and earthquake victims in China, or their selfless track record of volunteering for community events, or how they provided Chinese translation for businesses, government agencies, hospitals, and law enforcement interacting with the growing Chinese population from the beginning of the garment era and until now, or how they spearhead the participation of the Chinese community in local festivals and parades, as well as traditional Chinese holiday celebrations, or the many countries and continents they've each traveled to. You'll have to chat them up when you visit Canton Restaurant tonight, tomorrow, or on the 25th anniversary night: this Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009

But it's precisely because of their individual dynamic natures, strength, perseverance, optimism, ever-evolving roles as pillars of the community, volunteers, business leaders, friends, mothers, aunts and sisters three, that these dynamic ladies have nurtured a special gathering place where four generations of Saipan residents and tourists alike have, over fine gourmet meals, shared the special moments of their lives, or simply enjoyed a well-prepared, graciously served meal.

Whether you've just arrived on Saipan, or have grown up here all your life take the time to visit (or revisit) Saipan's Canton Restaurant, and make a toast on my behalf for another 25 years of success!

Canton Restaurant is located across from the Mobil/McDonalds on Beach road in Garapan. Call (670) 234-7236; A suggestion box will be available at the restaurant or you can e-mail comments or 'What I like about Canton" to cantonrestaurant.saipan@gmail.com.

Note: Fans and followers of the book, Chicken Feathers and Garlic Skin: Diary of a Chinese Garment Factory Girl on Saipan may now find copies at Bookseller Bookstore in the Joe-Ten Plaza in Susupe or on Amazon.com. Hurry, there's a limited supply!

Note: Ever wanted to direct your friends and family to a set of websites that said good things about Saipan? Do what I do: send them to www.bestofsaipan.com!

Until next week, remember, success is a journey, not a destination!

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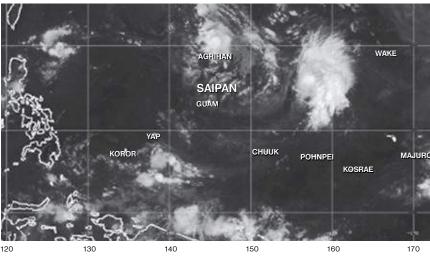
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Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Vamco (11W) is centered well east-northeast of the Marianas near 16N157E moving northwest 10 mph with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph. Numerous showers and scattered thunderstorms are found within 350 miles east semicircle of center and within 150 miles elsewhere. For more detailed information, see JTWC bulletins issued under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and Tropical Cyclone Public Advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. Tropical depression 01C (Maka) is centered southeast of Wake Island near 16N171E moving west 6 mph with maximum sustained winds of 35 mph. Isolated showers are found within 100 miles of the center. For more detailed information, see JTWC bulletins issued under WMO header WTPN33 PGTW and Tropical Cyclone Public Advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ33 PGUM. A weak circulation is centered near 22N139E. A monsoon trough runs from the center southeastward to another weak circulation south of Guam near 10N146E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found north of the CNMI within 100 miles of a line from 19N146E to 25N143E. Upper-level divergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 50 miles of a line from 17N175E to 20N180. Convergent west winds are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms southeast of Koror between 4N and 7N from 137E to 143E. Trade-wind convergence is producing widespread showers and isolated thunderstorms east of Majuro between 2N and 9N east of 173E

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Business

Fed survey: bank lending tight through mid-2010

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Reserve said Monday most banks expect their lending to remain tight through the second half of next year, with the exception of mortgage standards, which already are loosening a bit.

ASIAN MARKETS

HONG KONG

MANILA

2,731.55

AUSTRALIA

JAKARTA

1,159.73 Down 9.32

SINGAPORE

2,594.86

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9,135.34

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Singapore Dollar

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In U.S. dollar terms

Source: Associated Press

Euro

The Fed's latest survey of loan officers found that about 20 percent of U.S. banks tightened their lending standards on prime home mortgages in the April-June quarter, down from around 50 percent in the previous quarter and a peak of about 75 percent a year ago.

Meanwhile, 45 percent of banks say they tightened standards on nontraditional mortgages, such as adjustable-rate loans with multiple payment options, down from 65 percent in the previous survey.

Around 35 percent of U.S. banks reported tightening their

With credit tight, Fed extends consumer loan plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—With and businesses still struggling banks limiting the availability of auto, student and other consumer loans, the Federal Reserve said Monday it would extend a program intended to help spur more lending at low rates.

The program is set up to provide up to \$1 trillion in low-cost financing to investors to buy securities backed by consumer and commercial loans. But private economists said the program, Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility, or TALF, has so far provided little benefit for consumers

lending standards for credit cards, down from nearly 60 percent in the first quarter.

to get credit.

The program, originally set to expire at the end of the year, has two parts.

The part aimed at boosting consumer and business lending is being extended through March. The part geared toward boosting new commercial real estate lending will run through June, because of the extra time typically needed to complete such deals. Delinquency rates on such loans have soared as companies have downsized or closed

Getting banks hurt by the financial crisis to boost lending is critical to a sustained eco-

their doors, the Fed has said.

TALF was created in March, part of the efforts by the Fed and the Obama administration to ease credit, stabilize the financial system and fight the recession. Under the program, the Fed allows for low-rate financing for investors to buy securities backed by credit card debt, auto loans, student loans and loans to small businesses. The market for such loans essentially froze up last fall with the eruption of the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.

nomic recovery.

Demand for prime mortgages has begun to revive, posting its first increase in the January-March quarter since the Fed began to track those loans separately in April 2007.

The uptick in mortgage demand comes as rates rose last week. Rates on 30-year home loans remained above 5 percent, at 5.29 percent, after reaching a record low earlier this year.

The Fed survey was based on the responses of 55 domestic banks and 23 U.S. offices of foreign banks.

Most of the banks polled expect their standards for all types of loans to remain tighter than average levels over the past decade through at least the second half of 2010. For businesses and families with tarnished credit, that is expected to continue into "the foreseeable future" for many banks, the Fed reported.



FIAT HEADING FOR MEXICO

In this April 8, 2009 file photo, Jim Press, president and vice chairman of Chrysler, introduces a Fiat 500 at the 2009 New York International Auto Show in New York. Chrysler Group LLC is planning to build the Fiat 500 small car at a plant in Mexico, according to a report published Monday, Aug. 17, 2009. The automaker also is considering building a compact car in the U.S. that could be larger than the 500. News of the Fiat 500 decision disappointed several members of the United Auto Workers union who had hoped that the minicar would be made at a U.S. factory because of UAW cost-saving concessions and the fact that Chrysler has received \$15.5 billion in U.S. government aid.

Oil hovers near \$67 amid mixed economic signals **SINGAPORE** (AP)—Oil prices contract fell 76 cents to settle sion in the second quarter.

hovered near \$67 a barrel Tuesday in Asia as investors looked global economic recovery.

tember delivery was up 12 cents to \$66.87 a barrel by midday in Singapore in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. On Monday, the

at \$66.75.

Crude prices have paused affor clues on the strength of the ter dropping from above \$71 a barrel Friday on investor con-Benchmark crude for Sep- cerns that recovery from recession may be slow because of weak U.S. consumer demand.

> Meanwhile, Germany, France and Japan reported in the last week they emerged from reces-

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 2 percent Monday and major Asian indexes dropped in early trading Tuesday.

"I think the market was too optimistic about the recovery. said Clarence Chu, a trader with market maker Hudson Capital Energy in Singapore. "It's not a strong rebound yet."

Chapter 11 plan cedes Reader's Digest to lenders

NEW YORK (AP)—The publisher of Reader's Digest, the country's most popular general interest magazine, said Monday it will file for Chapter 11 protection with a plan to swap a portion of its debt for ownership of the company.

Reader's Digest Association Inc., which also markets books and publishes dozens of other magazines and Web sites, said it has reached an agreement in principle with a majority of lenders to erase a portion of \$1.6 billion in senior secured notes. The lenders will get ownership in return.

Already, this year's advertising declines have prompted the shuttering of several highprofile magazines, including Conde Nast's Portfolio, Domino and Blender.

Reader's Digest CEO Mary Berner insisted, though, that the company's U.S. magazines remain strong, with the number of ad pages down less than 6 percent through the September editions. She said Reader's Digest titles rely less on luxury brands and high-income tastes, giving them an added appeal in a recession that has clobbered much of the print media industry.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Homebuilder sentiment index rises in August

NEW YORK (AP)—The National Association of Home Builders said Monday its housing market index rose in August to the highest point in more than a year, as homebuyers hurried to take advantage of a federal tax credit before it expires. The Washington-based trade association said Monday the index rose one point to 18, a level not seen since June 2008. The federal tax credit that covers 10 percent of a home price up to \$8,000 for first-time buyers is set to expire at the end of November. To qualify, single buyers must earn less than \$75,000, for couples the cap is \$150,000. The trade group is lobbying Congress to extend the tax credit for another year and to offer it to all buyers, regardless of income.

Stocks tumble as investors worry about consumers

NEW YORK (AP)—Investors are finding out what everybody else already knew: The consumer isn't going to processing Cash for Clunkers spend the economy into re- transactions as some dealers covery. Major U.S. stocks indexes tumbled by the biggest amount in six weeks Monday as investors grew worried that they have been too quick to bet on an economic rebound during the market's fivemonth rally. Overseas markets and commodities plunged, and demand for safe-haven investments sent the dollar and Treasury prices shooting higher. The Dow Jones industrial average skidded 186 points and all the major indexes fell at least 2 percent. The Nasdaq composite index was hardest hit, dropping 2.8 percent, but it also has had the

biggest advance as Wall Street rallied this year.

UBS clients used foreign shells to hide income

(AP)—Wealthy MIAMI American clients of Swiss bank UBS AG used sham corporations set up in havens from Hong Kong to the British Virgin Islands as part of their efforts to evade U.S. taxes, according to documents filed in Florida and California court cases. The shell corporations, or "pass-through entities," were key elements of the tax-evasion schemes, but they also helped federal investigators snare the UBS clients. It's cheap to set up the shell corporations in countries with little or no income tax and a lenient regulatory system, said Martin Press, a tax attorney with the Gunster law firm in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

AP source: More workers to handle car rebates

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Obama administration is tripling the number of workers complain the government has been slow to reimburse them for the car incentives of up to \$4,500 per vehicle. An administration official said Monday the Transportation Department hoped to have 1,100 public and private sector workers processing the vouchers by the end of the week, up from a work force of about 350 through the end of last week. Employees at a department service center in Oklahoma City have taken the lead in processing the vouchers, the official said, and workers have responded to calls for voluntary overtime to process the forms.

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Health care concession riles left; right unmoved

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama's weekend concession on a health care "government option" drew complaints from liberals and scarce interest from Republicans and other critics on Monday, a fresh sign of the daunting

challenge in finding middle ground in an increasingly partisan political struggle.

The White House insisted there had been no shift in position, adding the president still favors a federal option for the sale of health insurance. "The bottom line is this: Nothing has changed,"

said a memo containing suggested answers for administration allies to use if asked about the issue.

Obama

But some supporters of health care overhaul sounded less than reassured.

"You really can't do health reform" without allowing the government to compete with private insurers, said Howard Dean, a former Democratic Party chairman. "Let's not say we're doing health reform without a public

option," he added in a slap at the administration's latest move.

His remarks were echoed by lawmakers as well as AFL-CIO President John Sweeney, who said the option was the only way to force

> "real competition" on the insurance industry.

Obama and his top aides signaled retreat over the weekend on proposals for a provision under which consumers could choose from health insurance policies sold by the federal government as well as those mar-

keted by private companies. "All I'm saying is, though, that the public option, whether we have it or we don't have it, is not the entirety of health care reform," the president told a town hall-style audience in Grand Junction, Colo., on Saturday. "This is just one sliver of it, one aspect of it."

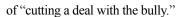
The government option has emerged as one of the most contentious elements of legislation taking shape in Congress,

with critics saying it is a step toward a federal takeover of health care and supporters arguing it is essential to create competition with private firms.

Proposals for creation of nonprofit cooperative ventures have emerged as an alternative, but so far, neither liberals nor conservatives have shown great interest.

Obama made his remarks as he struggled to regain momentum for a health care overhaul that has generated controversy among Democrats and near unanimous opposition among Republicans. Recent polls show a lessening of support, and the administration and its allies were thrown on the defensive earlier this month when angry protesters turned up at widely publicized town hall events held by Democratic lawmakers.

Republicans ratcheted up the attacks during the day. Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, the House GOP leader, likened the administration to a school yard bully intent on stealing lunch money, and accused the nation's drug makers



In a letter to Billy Tauzin, the head of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, Boehner

said the industry had agreed to a deal with the White House "in hopes of securing favorable treatment and future profits."



Texas mother gets 99 years for mutilating son

HOUSTON (AP)—A Houston-area mother convicted of mutilating her infant by cutting off his genitals two years ago was sentenced Monday to 99 years in prison. But minutes after the jury's sentence was read, Katherine Nadal, 28, yelled out that she did not hurt her son. Nadal had claimed the family dog, a 6to 7-pound dachshund named "Shorty" was responsible for mutilating her then-5-week-old son, Holden Gothia, as he slept in his parent's bedroom in March 2007 at their suburban Houston apartment. But prosecutors said she was high on drugs when she mutilated her son with an unknown sharp instrument. Holden survived, but the severed body parts were never found.

Sunday school teacher indicted in CA girl's death

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP)—A San Joaquin County grand jury has indicted a Sunday school teacher on charges she kidnapped, raped and killed an 8-year-old girl and drugged two other people. Melissa Huckaby, 28, broke down in tears as Judge Linda Lofthus read the indictment against her Monday. Prosecutors convened a grand jury in late July rather than hold a preliminary hearing to determine whether Huckaby would stand trial. Lofthus said the grand jury transcript would not be made public. Huckaby previously pleaded not guilty to murdering 8-yearold Sandra Cantu, whose body was found stuffed in a suitcase pulled from an irrigation pond in April.

Wis. gunman convicted in previous violent attacks

MENOMONIE, Wis. (AP)—A man police say shot and killed three brothers at a weekend party before fatally shooting himself was a member of a Minnesota gang who had been convicted of two previous violent attacks, including one on a 15-year-old boy in a park. Geu Tou Vang, 23, of St. Paul, Minn., killed brothers Siong Kong, 25, Toua Kong, 32, and Seng Kong, 13, and wounded a fourth man Saturday night during a party in the Evergreen Isle trailer park, police said. Vang shot himself and died Monday at an area hospital. Investigators said a woman invited Vang to the party in Menomonie, a city of about 14,000 people about 40 miles east of the Twin Cities.

Milwaukee mayor leaves hospital after beating

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett has been released from the hospital after being beaten up while trying to assist a grandmother who was screaming for someone to call 911. Barrett was attacked Saturday night near the Wisconsin State Fair. Police say he tried to help the grandmoth-

er who was protecting her 1-year-old granddaughter from a 20-year-old man in what police described as a domestic dispute. Police say the man then beat the mayor with a metal object. A suspect has been arrested. Earlier Monday, Barrett's brother, John Barrett, said the mayor had underwent successful surgery and had gashes to his head and face, two teeth knocked out and a shattered hand.

Boyfriend heard struggle before woman's abduction

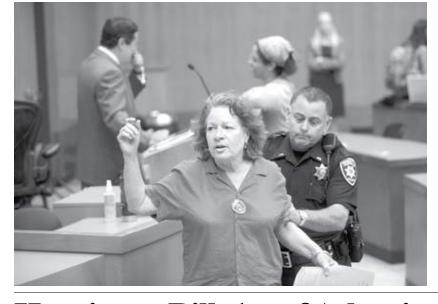
ATLANTA (AP)—The boyfriend of a Georgia woman who vanished near her parents' home said he overheard a struggle as the two talked by cell phone, and police are investigating whether her former job as a probation officer played a role in the disappearance. About 100 authorities scoured the north Georgia woods near Blairsville Monday for a sixth day looking for Kristi Cornwell, who police say was abducted Aug. 11. Police said Cornwell told her boyfriend that she believed a car was following her. The boyfriend said he called police when he heard her struggle. Authorities are looking into Cornwell's past employment, including her last job as a probation officer in 2002.

Convicted killer of 4 Calif. officers found dead

DELANO, Calif. (AP)—Authorities say an inmate convicted of killing four California Highway Patrol officers died over the weekend at Kern Valley State Prison in an apparent suicide. Sixty-seven-year-old Bobby Augusta Davis was pronounced dead early Sunday morning after correctional officers found him unresponsive in his maximum-security single cell. Davis was serving four consecutive life sentences for the April 6, 1970 murders of George Alleyn, Walt Frago, Roger Gore and James Pence. The "Newhall Incident" had been the deadliest for California law enforcement until the fatal shooting of four Oakland police officers in March.

Reward offered in Calif. missing boy case

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Oakland authorities are offering a reward for information they hope will help them find a missing 5-year-old boy. Police and Crime Stoppers of Oakland announced a reward of up to \$10,000 Monday for information leading to the whereabouts of 5-year-old Hasanni Campbell. The boy has been missing since Aug. 10, when his foster father, Louis Ross, left him in a car parked outside a shoe store where his foster mother works. Ross told authorities that he left the car to unlock the store door to give Hasanni, who wears braces on his legs, easier access. Hasanni was gone when he returned.



CAMPUS PROTEST

A police officer leads protester Cynthia Papermaster from a University of California, Berkeley classroom while Professor John Yoo, left, prepares to teach on Monday, Aug. 17, 2009, in Berkeley, Calif. Anti-war activists protested on the University of California, Berkeley campus Monday to call for the firing of a law professor who co-wrote legal memos that critics say were used to justify the torture of suspected terrorists. The demonstrators said John Yoo should be dismissed, disbarred and prosecuted for war crimes for his work as a Bush administration attorney from 2001 to 2003, when he helped craft legal theories for waterboarding and other harsh interrogation techniques.

Hurricane Bill, 1st of Atlantic season, revs up

MIAMI (AP)—The first hurricane rains could threaten poverty-stricken of this year's Atlantic season was gaining strength far off in the ocean Monday, while weaker storms threatened the Dominican Republic and Haiti with heavy rains and drenched the Florida Panhandle.

Hurricane Bill was expected to become a major hurricane in the next couple of days, with winds topping 110 mph as it moved on a track expected to be near Bermuda by the end of the week.

In the Caribbean Sea, forecasters said

Haiti, which was devastated by multiple storms last year.

It was too soon to tell if Bill would threaten the eastern coast of the U.S., said John Cangialosi, a meteorologist at the National Hurricane Center. It was not expected to threaten Florida.

"The system is certainly large and eventually will be a powerful hurricane," Cangialosi said. But colder waters and wind shear could weaken it as it heads farther north.

no indication of what the rest of the season could bring, forecasters said. The season's peak is mid-September.

Cangialosi said the way storm systems develop is chaotic: It can be quiet and then get busy. "This is certainly normal," he said.

Heavy thunderstorms rolled over the northeastern Caribbean as Ana, which had weakened to a tropical depression, approached the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Four tropical storm systems hit Haiti last year, killtropical depression Ana was poorly organized and weakening, but its heavy storms after two months with none was billion worth of damage.

Gov't: Man tried to steal 130M credit card numbers

WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal prosecutors on Monday charged a Miami man with the largest case of credit and debit card data theft ever in the United States, accusing the one-time government informant of plotting to swipe 130 million accounts on top of 40 million he stole previously.

Albert Gonzalez, 28, broke his own record for identity theft by hacking into retail networks, according to prosecutors, though they say his illicit computer exploits ended when he went to jail on charges stemming from an earlier case.

Gonzalez is a former informant for the U.S. Secret Service who helped the agency hunt hackers, authorities say. The agency later found out that he had also been working with criminals and feeding them information on ongoing investigations, even warning off at least one individual, according to authorities.

Gonzalez, who is already in jail awaiting trial in a hacking case, was indicted Monday in New Jersey and charged with conspiring with two other unnamed suspects to steal the private information.

Prosecutors say Gonzalez, who is known online as "soupnazi," targeted customers of convenience store giant 7-Eleven Inc. and supermarket chain Hannaford Brothers, Co. Inc. He also targeted Heartland Payment Systems, a New Jersey-based card payment processor.

According to the indictment, Gonazalez and his two Russian coconspirators would hack into corporate computer networks and secretly place "malware," or malicious software, that would allow them backdoor access to the networks later to steal data.

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Asia

Taiwan's vice foreign minister resigns over storm



In this photo released by the Xinhua news agency a villager moves across a makeshift bamboo bridge over floodwater in Hsinfa village, southern Taiwan, on Saturday August 15, 2009.

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TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Taiwan's vice foreign minister resigned Tuesday to take responsibility for his agency's initial rejection of aid from other governments following Typhoon Morakot, which

claimed about 500 lives and caused an

estimated \$1.5 billion in damage.

Andrew Hsia's resignation, which still needs to be approved by the Cabinet, came amid rising criticism over the government's slow response to the Aug. 8-9 storm. The move was linked to the ministry's delay in requesting foreign aid after the storm hit, said a foreign ministry official on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to the press.

The ministry initially instructed Taiwanese missions abroad to reject offers of aid but reversed the decision Aug. 13.

Meanwhile, a U.S. relief team backed by heavy-lift helicopters arrived in Taiwan on Monday to help local authorities get aid to the hundreds of people thought to be stranded in mountain villages.

Relying mainly on 70 Taiwanese

Pakistan captures spokesman for Baitullah Mehsud

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Security forces captured the Pakistani Taliban's top spokesman in an operation near the Afghan border, intelligence officials said Tuesday, dealing another blow to the militants following the reported killing of their leader earlier this month.

The seizure of Mauvi Umar follows government claims of disarray in the leadership of the Taliban over who should replace their chief, Baitullah Mehsud, who is believed to have been killed in a CIA missile strike on Aug. 5.

Mohmand tribal region Monday night while he was traveling in a car with two associates to South Waziristan, a Taliban stronghold, three intelligence officials said.

Local tribal elders assisted troops in locating Umar in the village of Khawazeo, the officials said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media. They said Umar's arrest would likely be publicly announced later Tuesday.

Pakistan army or government spokesmen were not immediately available

As the official spokesman for Tehrike-Taliban Pakistan, the umbrella organization for various regional and tribal militant movements, Umar frequently called journalists to claim responsibility for terrorist attacks in Pakistan. He was known to be close to Mehsud.

Last week he called The Associated Press to insist Mehsud was still alive and deny reports of a power struggle within the Pakistani Taliban's disparate factions over who would succeed him.

Umar's capture was the second highprofile arrest of a senior Taliban figure

Brother of NZ victim rages at Khmer Rouge trial

"Death not by shipwreck, not by drowning or freak accident, but death by torture. Death by torture not over a few seconds or minutes or hours or choppers, local rescuers have already ferried more than 35,000 villagers to safety, many stranded in and around 44 hard-hit mountain communities, cut off from the outside world after roads and bridges were washed away by Morakot's fury.

Army spokesman Lt. Col. Tai Chante said more than 200 people were rescued Monday but could not give an estimate of how many still needed aid.

Officials said late Sunday that at least 1,000 people were still stranded.

The U.S. team arrived on a MH-53E helicopter that took off from the USS Denver in waters off southern Taiwan to help out with the effort, according to Christopher Kavanagh of the American Institute in Taiwan, the de facto U.S. Embassy on the island.

Another MH-53E and an MH-60 arrived on Tuesday, Kavanagh said.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Philippine remittances rise 3.3 percent in June

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Millions of Filipinos working overseas sent home a record high \$1.5 billion in June, up 3.3 percent from last year, allaying fears that remittances will dry up amid the global slowdown, officials said Monday. The June data brought total remittances for the first half of the year to \$8.5 billion, up 2.9 percent from a year ago, the central bank said. Nearly 10 percent of the country's 90 million people work abroad — many as nurses, maids, engineers, construction workers and seamen. Last year, overseas Filipinos sent home \$16.4 billion, equal to 10.4 percent of the country's gross domestic product and fueling domestic consumption.

Campaigning begins for Japan's Aug. 30 election

TOKYO (AP)—Campaigning began Tuesday for one of the most hotly contested elections Japan has seen in more than a decade, with a major poll saying the party that has run the country for most of the past 55 years is lagging far behind the opposition. The elections for the lower house of parliament, to be held Aug. 30, are seen as one of the biggest tests Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party has ever faced. If forecasts are correct, it could cost them their control over the government and lead to the selection of opposition chief Yukio Hatoyama as Japan's next prime minister. The Liberal Democrats have governed Japan alone or in a coalition arrangement for all of the past 55 years, except for a 10-month respite in the early 1990s.

Abdullah Abdullah, a former for-

eign minister who is President Hamid

Karzai's top rival, told a crowd of flag-

waving supporters in Kabul on Mon-

day that he will win the election—"if

they don't steal your votes," confident

rhetoric that analysts say could stoke a

violent backlash if his supporters be-

Serious questions over the fair-

ness of the balloting could result in a

winner without real legitimacy—a se-

rious problem in a country where the central government is struggling to

exert control beyond the capital. The U.S. is spending millions of dollars and

pressing a new military offensive this

month to make sure the voting comes

Abdullah, a trained ophthalmolo-

gist who has railed against government

lieve they've been cheated.

Taliban militants.

Afghan attacks kill US civilian, service member

KABUL (AP)—A roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan killed a U.S. service member Monday, while an American civilian working for the military died after insurgents attacked a patrol in the east, officials said. The military death brings to 22 the number of U.S. troops killed in August, as foreign and Afghan forces step up their fight against the Taliban-led insurgency raging in much of the country's south and east. A military statement would not disclose details on the latest casualties. It said only that the civilian died after insurgents attacked his patrol with gunfire.

US senator says Suu Kyi may ease sanctions stance

BANGKOK(AP)—Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi may agree to Washington easing sanctions against the military government, a U.S. senator said Monday after securing the release of an American who had been jailed for sneaking into the democracy leader's home. Sen. Jim Webb of Virginia on Sunday ended a short trip to Myanmar, bringing with him to Thailand John Yettaw, whose uninvited stay at Suu Kyi's residence in May caused both him and her to be arrested. Yettaw was getting a medical checkup Monday in a Bangkok hospital. During his stay, Webb was allowed to meet with Suu Kyi-who is under house arrest—and held talks with junta chief Senior Gen. Than Shwe.

KABUL (AP)—The threat of vio-Umar was seized in a village in the for comment. lence looms over Afghan presidential

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)— The brother of a New Zealander tortured and killed by the Khmer Rouge three decades ago told the man who ordered the execution on Monday that he wished him a similarly gruesome fate.

Kerry Hamill was 28 when his yacht was blown off course into Cambodian waters in 1978, and he was captured by the radical communist regime. He and a shipmate, Briton John Dewhirst, were taken to Phnom Penh's S-21 prison and later killed.

Kerry's brother, Rob, wept as he testified at the trial of S-21's commander, Kaing Guek Eav, also known as Duch—the first of five senior Khmer Rouge defendants to be tried by a U.N.-assisted tribunal and the only one to acknowledge responsibility for his actions.

"Duch, at times I have wanted to smash you, to use your words. The among the estimated 16,000 peosame way that you smashed so many others," Rob Hamill said, sitting in a suit and tie, his hands folded before him. "Smash" was the euphemism the Khmer Rouge used when ordering executions.

"At times, I have imagined you shackled, starved, whipped and clubbed, viciously. I have imagined your scrotum electrified, being forced to eat your own feces, being nearly drowned and having your throat cut," said Hamill, referring to some of the horrors faced by prisoners.

Duch sat behind him, expressionless.

"I have wanted that to be your experience, your reality. I have wanted you to suffer the way you made Kerry and so many others (suffer)," Hamill said.

About a dozen Westerners were ple held at the prison before being killed. The communist regime's radical policies while in power from 1975-79 caused the deaths of an estimated 1.7 million people nationwide by execution, overwork, disease and malnutrition.

Rob Hamill, 45, a rower who represented New Zealand at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, said his family learned of his brother's death 16 months after he disappeared. Their parents read in a newspaper that he was executed after two months at S-21.

days or weeks even," said Hamill.

Threat of violence looms over Afghan vote corruption, isn't the only one who expects fraud. Voting observers warn that election Thursday. And not just from cheating will most likely take place at polling stations in remote or danger-

won't be able to be present.

A black market for voter registration cards is said to be flourishing, and a suspiciously high number of women far more than men—have been registered to vote in culturally conservative provinces where Karzai expects to do well among his fellow ethnic Pashtuns

ous areas where independent monitors

who form the majority there. Mindful of the possibility of cheating, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton called Monday for "credible, secure and inclusive elections" and urged Afghans "to make election day secure, to eliminate fraud, and to address any complaints fairly and quickly."

"We call on candidates and their supporters to behave responsibly before and after the elections," she said in a statement.

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World

Suicide bomb kills 20, injures over 130 in Russia



Destroyed cars are seen at a police station in Nazran, Ingushetia, Russia, Monday, Aug. 17, 2009.

NAZRAN, Russia (AP)—A suicide bomber rammed a truck into a police station in the Russian region of Ingushetia on Monday, killing at least 20 police in the worst attack to ravage the poor North Caucasus republic in years.

The blast, which wounded more than 130 others, undermined Kremlin claims that its efforts to bring calm and prosperity to the impoverished patchwork of ethnic groups, clans and religions were succeeding. It also stoked fears that Ingushetia has replaced Chechnya as the next battleground in the southern Russian region.

In Dagestan, another Caucasus republic where violence is on the rise, a roadside bomb in the capital Makhachkala killed one policeman and wounded three late Monday, said Col. Shamil Guseinov, a city police commander.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack in Nazran, Ingushetia's main city, which left the two-story building smoldering and a crater in the compound's courtyard, where the attacker detonated the bomb.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev fired Ingushetia's top police official and, in unusually harsh comments, said police forces were as much to blame as the attackers themselves.

"This terrorist attack could have been prevented," he said.

Russian Interior Minister Rashid Nurgaliyev attended an emergency meeting early Tuesday of Ingushetia's anti-terrorist committee, the Itar-Tass news agency reported. He said authorities would "take additional measures to ensure stability and security in the republic" and "deliver a blow" to those responsible for the attack.

Ingushetia—more than any other North Caucasus region—has been reeling from militant violence in recent months, including a suicide bombing that badly wounded the Kremlin-appointed leader, Yunus-Bek Yevkurov.

Yevkurov blamed militants who have battled security forces in the forests along the mountainous border with Chechnya.

"It was an attempt to destabilize the situation and sow panic," he said in a statement issued by his spokesman.

Missing ship found off Cape Verde, crew OK

MOSCOW (AP)—The high seas mystery over the freighter *Arctic Sea* was far from solved Monday after the Russian navy found the ship off West Africa, far from the Algerian port where it was supposed to dock two weeks ago.

A full cargo of questions remained: Was the ship attacked near Sweden as reported? Was this an unheard-of case of piracy in European waters? Or a murky commercial dispute? Why was the *Arctic Sea* found off Cape Verde, some 2,000 miles from its intended port?

Defense Minister Anatoly Serdyukov informed President Dmitry Medvedev that the Russian-crewed freighter had been found safe about 300 miles from Cape Verde and that the 15 crew members were taken aboard another vessel for questioning.

The details stopped there.

Since the *Arctic Sea* sailed from the Finnish port of Pietarsaari on July 21 with a euro1.3 million (\$1.8 million) cargo of timber, rumors and unconfirmed reports of misadventure has followed it.

On July 30, Swedish police said the ship's owner had reported that the crew claimed the vessel was boarded by masked men on July 24 near the Swedish island of Gotland. The invaders reportedly tied up the crew, beat them, claimed they were looking for drugs, then sped off about 12 hours later in an inflatable craft.

By the time the Swedish report emerged, the ship had already passed through the English Channel, where it made its last known radio contact on July 28. Signals from the ship's tracking device were picked up off France's coast the next day, but that was the last known trace of it until Monday.

The Arctic Sea was scheduled to make port in Algeria on Aug. 4. But after it was late by more than a week, Medvedev ordered the defense ministry to use all necessary means to find the freighter.

Subsequently, a ship resembling the 98-meter (320-foot) *Arctic Sea* was rumored to have been seen in the Spanish port of San Sebastian—even though the port is suitable only for small vessels—then in the area of Cape Verde. On Saturday, a Russian maritime expert said the ship's tracking device had sprung to life off the coast of France, but France said the signals came from Russian warships.

3 Somali gunmen die in attack on UN compound not A

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)—Gunmen stormed a U.N. aid compound in Somalia overnight, sparking a gunbattle that killed three of the attackers and wounded one, the agency said Monday.

The attack started when up to 10 gunmen opened fire on guards who refused to let the men into the U.N.'s World Food Program compound in Wajid, an aid base in southern Somalia, said Peter Smerdon, a spokesman for WFP. The guards returned fire and

the gunbattle lasted about 15 minutes, Smerdon said.

"WFP commends its guards for their actions in defending the compound and the U.N. staff," said Smerdon. "Talks are under way with the local community and the administration to calm down the situation."

He said one of the guards was slightly wounded. WFP relocated the nine international staffers in Wajid to Kenya, but feeding operations were not affected.

An Islamic extremist group, al-Shabab, controls the town and Smerdon said the attackers were "rogue elements of al-Shabab from outside Wajid." That could not be independently confirmed; witnesses said al-Shabab were not involved.

The United States says the group has ties to al-Qaida, which al-Shabab denies.

Somali elder Moalin Isaq said residents had gotten word of an impending attack and organized a group to fight back.

Accident at Russian hydroelectric plant kills 11

MOSCOW (AP)—An accident during repair work at Russia's largest hydroelectric plant on Monday killed at least 11 workers, while as many as 65 others were missing after an engine room was suddenly flooded, officials said.

The cause of the accident at the Sayano-Shushenskaya plant in southern Siberia was unclear. Federal investigators said a transformer exploded during repair works, destroying walls and the ceiling in an engine room where turbines are located and causing the room to flood.

The plant's owner said the flooding occurred due to a pressure surge in water pipes.

Eleven workers were confirmed dead and 14 injured. Rescue workers were searching the cavernous engine room for 50 to 65 people still missing, said Roman Dotsov, a spokesman for the Emergency Situations Ministry in Siberia.

Some of the dead had drowned and others were crushed by debris, he told The Associated Press. The survivors were hospitalized with a range of injuries, including concussions and exposure.

The accident shut down the power station, which supplies several major aluminum plants. The government said electricity supplies from other power plants were being rerouted to help cover the shortfall, but outages

were reported throughout the region.

The plant's dam, a towering structure that stretches about a kilometer (more than half a mile) across the Yenisei River, was not damaged and towns downstream were in no danger, Emergency Situations Minister Sergei Shoigu said.

The accident produced an oil spill, however, and the slick was floating down river. The slick had grown to cover as much as 10 square miles (25 square kilometers), the Natural Resources Ministry said.

Two of the plant's 10 turbines were destroyed and a third was seriously damaged, said Vasily Zubakin, acting chief executive of the plant's owner, RusHydro. He said the company was still assessing the state of the remaining seven.

Shoigu said the repairs would be difficult. "We're probably talking about years rather than months to restore three of the 10 turbines," he said on state-run television.

The world's largest aluminum producer, Rusal, was operating as usual, with its smelters being powered from other plants, company spokeswoman Yelena Shuliveistrova said.

The company was in talks with the government about possibly reducing output to free up energy supplies needed elsewhere in the region, Rusal said in a statement.

Kenyan believed to be world's oldest pupil dies

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—A Kenyan man who was believed to be the world's oldest pupil has died at the age of 89, five years after he entered primary school so that he could learn to read the Bible, his family said Monday.

Joseph Stephen Kimani Nganga (un-GAH-un-GAH) Maruge (ma-ROOgay) died Friday at the Kariobangi Cheshire Home for the aged in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi. He died of stomach cancer, said his granddaughter, Anne Maruge.

Maruge accomplished his biggest goal—being able to read the Bible—but he remained shy of completing primary school.

"In the morning he used to wake up early to read the Bible before going to school," Anne Maruge, 18, told The Associated Press. "Even when he fell ill and you found him basking in the sun, often he would be reading the Bible."

Maruge enrolled in primary school in the western Kenya town of Eldoret in January 2004 after the government decided to make primary school free. He wore a school boy's uniform—shorts, sweater and long socks—and walked to class hunched over with the aid of a cane and holding a book bag.

The Guinness Book of World Records listed Maruge as the world's oldest primary school pupil.

Survived by four children, 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, Maruge overcame great odds to attend school. All his belongings were stolen from his home in the Rift Valley during Kenya's bloody postelection violence in early 2008, forcing him to flee and live in a displacement camp with thou-





In this July 2008 file photo Joseph Stephen Kimani Nganga pictured in classroom in Eldoret, Kenya.

sands of others who lost their homes in the bloodshed.

He continued his studies despite the living conditions, and the Red Cross moved him into the old-age home in May 2008, Anne Maruge said. He stopped attending classes in January because of his illness.

"When he became ill, he started to cry because he was not going to go to school," Anne Maruge said.

Maruge went to New York in 2005 to promote a global campaign to get more children into schools.

"Liberty means going to school and learning," he said in an interview at that time. "You are never too old to learn." SAIPAN TRIBUNE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2009 **17**

Campus Life

By ELIZABETH SILE

Without an older sibling in college, I had to wing it my freshman year at Ithaca College when managing my course load, dealing with bad roommates and living on my own. But with two years behind me, I am declaring myself a sufficiently savvy student to offer a few tips to the incoming class of 2013:

Three tips for parents

My parents didn't suffer empty-nest syndrome when I went to college, but they didn't just slow down and push me out of the car, either.

Remember to:

Send mail. I still love getting packages or letters from my parents and grandparents when I'm at school. My friends love when my mom sends cookies because I always share.

Try not to call every hour, on the hour. Let your kids branch out and enjoy their newfound freedom. My parents usually call, e-mail or text every other day, and that's been perfect for us, but certainly it depends.

Expect move-in day to be marked by yelling and a lot of mumbles along the lines of: "You packed way too much." Plan a visit about a month into school, when your kids are finally settled. That way you can enjoy a nice weekend together that doesn't include hauling a TV and microwave up three flights.



for transition to college

If you really want to save money, do not buy your books at the bookstore, and do not buy them new.

Looking at my eight books from last semester (a little on the lighter side for me), I would have spent \$200 before tax, but instead I spent a little less than \$100. I recommend Amazon.com or Half.com. You should always sell back books on one of these sites because bookstores generally don't offer good buy-back prices.

Complete the roommate-agreement forms many colleges hand out.

They allow you and your roommate to find common ground on matters like overnight guests and noise. As insignificant or annoying as they sound, these forms will inspire an open conversation with your roommate and possibly help you avoid some sticky situations.

Unless you cannot live without a car, don't A lot of colleges have high prices for parking permits, especially for first-year students. You'll see more of where you're living by walking or taking public transportation, and you won't end up "the kid with the car" who chauffeurs everyone

Put down the Ramen noodles!

For whatever reason, people think these are the quintessential college food, and parents buy them in bulk. These salty noodles push the "Freshman 15" to 25 pounds. Several kids who lived in my dorm freshman year ate Ramen noodles all the time and were then baffled when their pants didn't

Try not to go home a lot during your first

The first few weekends of school are when you will meet most of your new friends. A friend from high school transferred to Ithaca our sophomore year but struggled to make friends the first semester because she drove home every weekend. Staying in your room all semester doesn't help, either. Get out and meet people.

Leave your door open (when you're inside,

A lot of people will tell you this when you get to school, but it really does help you meet other people on your floor.

Go to orientation.

I met my best friend on the first day of orien-

tation and stayed in touch with her for the rest of the summer. When I got to school, I automatically had someone to sit with at dinner, and our mutual friends became an inseparable group.

Go to class, take notes and do the assigned

It's that simple. I know far too many people whose GPAs tanked simply because they didn't go to class or do the homework and just dropped by for tests or to hand

If you can, take one fun class each semester. Ithaca offers a class on dinosaurs and one on gardens, and I've taken both. People may laugh at this, but these classes are the easiest way to fill general education requirements and will be an easy A.

Scholarships aren't just for high-school You can apply for scholarships all four years of college, and you should, especially when tuitions are rising. Talk to the office of financial aid at your school, or visit sites like www.scholarships.com.

VOICES

How do you feel about the upcoming start of classes?

By SHIRLAINE RIVERA

"Sad because summer's over, but relieved because I get to see old friends. I'm taking challenging classes this year so



there's going to be a lot of pressure."

—Jane Correa

Junior, Marianas high school



"Since it's my senior year I'm just looking forward to getting more active school-related stuff, the activies, clubs, etc.

but of course still be doing well with my studies, basically having fun or making my last year the best.

-Layo Muna

Senior, Marianas High School

"I feel excited and a little sad that summer over."

-Rojel Guevarra

Junior,



"I feel nervous yet excited about upcomschool year. I'm not sure what to expect, but I hope this

school year will be better than the last. It'll be a challenge for all of us, and I'm looking forward to it."

—Jeanie Correa

Junior, Marianas High School

"Uhmm... I'm really excited for the new school year because there will be new faces on campus and at the same time



nothing will change because I'm already used to my learning environment. Lastly, [I'm] nervous about this year's upcoming battalion formal inspection. Good luck to all other battalions. Do your best and also good luck to all students out there, enjoy the summer while it lasts, and stay safe...Peace out!"

-Mark San Juan

Junior, Saipan Southern High School

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Life & Style

he scene takes place toward the end of Quentin Tarantino's rollicking World War II action-drama "Inglourious Basterds." As fire engulfs a Parisian movie theater packed with German military commanders, pandemonium ensues, diverting attention from the real action: a heart-pounding confrontation between a crack team of Naziterrorizing Jewish covert operatives (the so-called "Basterds") and the Third Reich's top brass.

It's vintage Tarantino, hyper-real ultra-violence that arrives as a kind of catharsis after more than two hours of intricate plot twists and baroque dialogue as the Basterds, led by Lt. Aldo Raine (Brad Pitt), do their best to destabilize German forces in Nazi-occupied France through their unique brand of terrorism: collecting the scalps of Hitler's troops.

But for cast member Eli Roth—who portrays a merciless, baseball-bat-wielding Nazi killer dubbed "the Bear Jew" by fear-stricken German soldiers in the film, which opens Friday—the scene is memorable for a different reason.

"We almost got incinerated," Roth exclaimed during a recent outing to Hollywood's Amoeba Music, where he was riffling through racks of DVDs. "The fire comes up. They thought it was going to burn at 400 degrees centigrade and it burned at 1,200. That's like 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit! You see the swastika fall. It was not supposed to. It was fastened with steel cables; the steel liquefied."

He paused midstory, however, discovering used copies of "Hostel" and "Hostel: Part II," the films that were produced by his friend and biggest booster Tarantino and cemented Roth's reputation as one of horror moviedom's most extreme, successful (and reviled) auteurs. Roth's primary function is to make films, you see, not act in them (his output as a writer-director-producer even spawned its own sub-category in the genre: "torture porn"). But his role in "Inglourious Basterds" is more than simply a glorified cameo. It represents a kind of creative apotheosis in his relationship with his mentor, Tarantino—a culminant experience that drew upon Roth's skill set as a filmmaker, his hometown and his religion.

Marveling at his movies' costs—"12 bucks, what a deal!"—Roth continued his on-set story, explaining that the actor who shared the scene with him, Omar Doom, "had to go to the hospital. I was on the ground, my feet were up, I had ice packs all over me. ... The fire department said another 10 or 15 seconds, the structure would have collapsed."

In other words, torture porn's poster boy—the filmmaker who committed to celluloid images such as a cheerleader jumping into the air and doing a split onto a gigantic hunting knife—and the guy who ruthlessly bludgeons, bombs and machine guns every Nazi in his path in "Inglourious Basterds" finally got to taste the pain himself.

"I got torched," Roth said solemnly.

Although Roth will tell you he relishes being a provocateur and enjoys pushing people's buttons ("I upset people so much they had to create a new genre for me!"), spend an afternoon with him and it becomes abundantly clear that he has done some thinking about the slagging he has taken from detractors who say his movies are misogynistic and desensitize viewers to violence, ultimately dismissing Roth as a moronic frat boy

"When people direct insults at me, I can take it," the Boston-born New York University grad (and son of a Harvard professor) said later, sipping a protein shake (with extra glutamine). "I'm an easy target. But I know where my stuff comes from.

"I have a strong art-history background," he continued. "I could discuss all these painters I grew up looking at, authors I read. How there's far more violence in those works. Why aren't you upset about that? Instead they write about me, 'Eli Roth, that fraternity boy.' People can't get past the blood."

Most injurious to Roth—an amiable, fast-talking workout buff who was voted Men's Fitness magazine's "most fit director" in 2006, but who, for the record, has attended precisely one fraternity party in his life—is the perception in indie movie circles that he somehow glad-handed his way into Hollywood's big leagues. "I've been making movies since I was 8, working on movies

since I was 18, didn't make my first movie until I was 30 and didn't even have money until I was 33," he said. "Then people are like, 'He got it easy.' It's so much easier to think I cheated than to think I worked my ass off."

Roth's career began to take off in 2002. After toiling in lowly movie production jobs for a decade, he cobbled together \$1.5 million to shoot his

among other projects, before he told Tarantino a movie idea he had kicking around about a youth hostel in a foreign country where American tourists are tortured and murdered as sport.

The idea galvanized Tarantino. He signed on as an executive producer on 2006's "Hostel," which was billed as "Quentin Tarantino Presents," helping to propel the \$4-million, independently financed film's



Filmmaker Eli Roth acts in Quentin Tarantino's World War II action-drama "Inglourious Basterds."

Surviving Quentin Tarantino's 'Inglourious Basterds'

debut feature, "Cabin Fever," a canny horror flick about a group of kids stricken with a flesh-eating virus while vacationing in the woods.

The film was a hit on the festival circuit. When Roth screened it at the Los Angeles Film Festival in 2003, he showed up to the premiere drenched in fake blood in costume as Ichi the Killer, hero of an obscure Japanese crime torture film of the same name. "Cabin Fever's" crudely compelling aesthetic, as well as the director's eagerness for selfpromotion, were enough to impress Tarantino, who invited Roth to his house after seeing it. "I was like P.T. Barnum," Roth recalled. "And Quentin loved that about me. He saw a lot of me in him.'

"Cabin Fever" went on to take in \$30 million worldwide and an additional \$70 million on DVD. Roth was inundated with scripts and considered directing a big-screen adaptation of "Baywatch" (to have been titled "Baywatch 3-Double-D"),

worldwide box office to more than \$80 million.

That was the start of a beautiful friendship. As Tarantino was working on the script for "Inglourious Basterds," he would enact scenes for Roth. Admiring his small turn in front of the camera in "Cabin Fever"—Roth had to fill in for another actor who dropped out-Tarantino cast him in a cameo in "Death Proof," the segment he directed in the 1970s exploitation homage "Grindhouse." (Roth also directed a now infamous trailer for a faux-horror movie that appears within the movie, "Thanksgiving.")

"That became my audition for 'Inglourious Basterds," Roth recalled.

To hear it from Tarantino, however, Roth was not his first choice for the part of Donny Donowitz, a rage-fueled, Boston-born Jewish-American who makes his displeasure toward Nazis known in the movie primarily by dint of a Louisville

Slugger to the cranium. "I had actually somebody else in mind," Tarantino said. "So I was writing for a real Boston guy. And I got to know Eli right before I started writing the script again. Eli is from Boston, and he's kind of perfect casting. In 'Death Proof,' he did my dialogue as good as anybody else in the movie. And he loved the idea of trying his hand at acting and really being a character."

But before offering him the part, Tarantino urged Roth to start thinking about how to embody Donowitz as a "360-degree character." Roth agreed and cleared his schedule to remain in Germany with Tarantino for the duration of "Basterds" six-month shoot, including Christmas and New Year's Eve when nearly everyone else went home for the holidays.

"I wanted to be there not just as an actor but as a crew member and as a friend," Roth said. "It was a great feeling to help him out and pay him back for all he's done for me.'

As Roth tells it, he also became Tarantino's "Jewish fact-checker" on the project almost by default. Roth's input ultimately enabled the writer-director to imbue "Basterds" resolution with a higher degree of psychological realism. This began with Roth inviting his mentor to his family home for Passover Seder in 2007, Tarantino's first. "We got into these long, philosophical discussions about the Holocaust and slavery, oppression," Roth said. "He asked me, 'Would a Jew give absolution to a Nazi at the end of the war?' I said, 'Never.' It's purely a Christian construct. It's not that we don't forgive; we don't forget. Being Jewish is to remember. If I had the chance, I would kill every one of those (Nazis).'

He also persuaded Tarantino to let him direct yet another movie-within-a-movie, the Nazi propaganda film called "Nation's Pride" that follows the exploits of a German army sniper who is key to the plot of "Inglourious Basterds." Tarantino historically has avoided using a second-unit director. But he wanted to finish the movie in time to submit it for the Cannes Film Festival. So he loaned Roth the use of "Basterds" cast member Daniel Bruhl, and Roth cajoled Tarantino into allotting him many more resources than the writerdirector had planned to use himself: an eight-man crew, five stuntmen and 20 extras. Naturally, a seven-minute director's cut of "Nation's Pride" will be included on the DVD.

The results are typically over-the-top, Rothstyle war gore: Bruhl's character is depicted heroically mowing down hundreds of Allied troops from the safety of a bell tower and carving an ornate swastika onto the floorboards to buck up his courage. "I had so much fun making it," Roth exclaimed. "But my grandparents must be turning over in their graves.'

He invited his parents to Berlin to take part in filming a scene in which 300 extras dressed in full Nazi regalia attend a screening of "Nation's Pride." Never mind that many of his relatives were killed in the Holocaust—or that his mother and father had sworn never to set foot in Germany. Upon landing in Berlin, Roth's parents visited the Holocaust Museum and changed their stance on modern Germany. On set later in the day, they displayed a willingness to enter into the film's historical-revisionist fantasy, posing for photos with the actor who portrays Hitler in "Basterds."

With its shocker ending and high Nazi body count, "Inglourious Basterds" certainly helped Roth live out the stuff of so many Hebrew-school revenge fantasies. And with Tarantino's encouragement, Roth plans to earmark acting parts for himself in any future films he makes.

"Quentin really pushed me (as an actor). He said, 'Now you can write parts for yourself because you went toe to toe with the best. You acted with Brad Pitt and for me and you held the screen. You could have another career if you want," Roth said with characteristic self-satisfaction, adding that "Inglourious Basterds" remains one of his personal and professional high points.

"I almost died shooting it. But it's one of the most satisfying, orgasmic things I've done in my life," he said. "It's kosher porn."

Times staff writer Rachel Abramowitz contributed to this report.

Jackson's mother considering wrongful death suit

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An attorney for Michael Jackson's mother says she is considering a wrongful death lawsuit because of the circumstances surrounding her son's demise, and that the singer's personal physician is a likely target.

The idea is still nascent and Dr. Conrad Murray is the main name that's been mentioned, attornev Burt Levitch said Monday, following a court hearing where a judge approved a merchandising deal that will benefit the King of Pop's estate.

"The possibility of a wrongful death action has been floated," Levitch said. "In that regard, no decision has been finalized ... Dr. Murray's name has been floated because he is under investigation."

Authorities investigating Jackson's June 25 death have been focusing on Murray, who they believe administered a powerful anesthetic to the pop singer the day he died. Levitch wouldn't say whether concert promoter AEG might also be a defendant.

"It's fairly obvious from press accounts that AEG had a very active role in Michael's life for the last six months," Levitch said. "They paid for his home and for Dr. Conrad Murray."

"It would be inappropriate to



In this March 17, 2005 file photo, pop star Michael Jackson arrives at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse in Santa Maria, Calif.

speculate on any potential litigation," said AEG spokesman Michael Roth.

Miranda Sevcik, a publicist for Murray attorney Edward Chernoff, said she had seen the press conference with Levitch, but that doesn't mean a lawsuit "is imminent."

"Whether or not the Jackson family decides to proceed with a civil suit is up to them," she said in an email.

Earlier in the day, a judge signed off on a deal that would soon bring official Michael Jackson merchandise to store

shelves, but the fate of a proposed tour of the King of Pop's memorabilia remained in limbo after the singer's mother expressed renewed concerns.

Attorneys for Katherine Jackson withdrew their objections to an agreement with merchandiser Bravado to bring everything from Jackson trading cards, apparel and cell phone themes to consumers.

But her objections remain a roadblock to a deal that would put some of her son's prized items on display later this year. That tour was intended to coincide with the release of a major movie featuring his final rehearsals for a series of London shows.

Amanda P. Borja

Emanuel P. Borja

Victoria B. and Anthony Voigt

Steven C. and Cheryl Borja

Steven, Laura and Vincent

Kristin V. & Dan Donegan (Colin)

Kara V. & Chuck Rice (Victoria & Sara)

Anthony Voigt & Kristina Gogliormella (Riley)

Levitch said Mrs. Jackson's primary objection is that it was not open to competitive bidding by companies other than AEG. He also said he believed the deal that was negotiated, which would provide a 50-50 split between AEG and the estate, was insufficient.

He also said that Mrs. Jackson has recently reasserted her desire to either be named a co-executor or have a member of the family, designated by her, as an executor. Jackson's will named longtime attorney John Branca and music executive John McClain as the sole executors of his estate, with Katherine Jackson, the

charities as beneficiaries.

"No one has reflected on what it takes to nurture an estate and no one is a better position than Katherine Jackson or her designees to do that," Levitch said. "Rather than trying to derail this estate, we would like to take our place at the table."

Howard Weitzman, an attorney for Branca and McClain, said outside court: "I'm not sure why the objections are being made" but said Mrs. Jackson certainly has the right to make them.

"Katherine Jackson is a beneficiary. She's entitled to object to deals that may impact her and the children," Weitzman said.

Carmen DLG Borja & family

Candelaria F. Borja & family

Manuel F. Borja & family

Francisco F. Borja & family

Joaquin F. Borja

Concepcion B. and Joel Bernardo & family

Miriam Borja & family Ignacia B. and Caesar Villaluz & family

current administrators of Jackson's estate wanted the memorabilia tour approved Monday, but Superior Court Judge Mitchell Beckloff instead scheduled an evidentiary hearing for Friday to determine if the deal represented the best arrangement for Jackson's estate.

The deal is expected to generate up to \$6 million for the estate, said Weitzman. One of the concessions Katherine Jackson is apparently seeking is the authority to sign off on the deal.

Beckloff said he was inclined to reject that argument, but wasn't sure that he could grant the estate's administrators approval to enter into the deal without hearing more information.

Judge OKs Jackson merchandising deal

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A judge has approved a deal that will bring Michael Jackson merchandise to store shelves.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mitchell Beckloff approved the deal during a court hearing Monday. Beckloff heard from attorneys for Jackson's mother, Katherine, the current administrators of Jackson's estate and a newly appointed attorney for the singer's three young children.

The merchandise agreement allows for items such as trading cards, clothing and digital goodies to be sold. The judge had delayed approval of the agreements after Katherine Jackson had raised objections to the contracts with concert promoter AEG Live and merchandiser Bravado.

Those objections were withdrawn, but the lawyers raised new objections to AEG's involvement in a proposed memorabilia tour, which is still awaiting approval. Beckloff scheduled an evidentiary hearing for Friday on whether the tour is the best deal for Jackson's estate.

Kathy Jorrie, an attorney for AEG, said the exhibition faces a tight deadline and its interest might wane if the tour isn't approved soon. She said

the company was not interested in renegotiating the deal.

AEG wants the memorabilia tour to open at the same time as a movie using footage of Jackson's final rehearsals for a series of London concerts. The deal is expected to generate about \$7 million for the estate, said Howard Weitzman, an attorney for the current administrators of the estate.

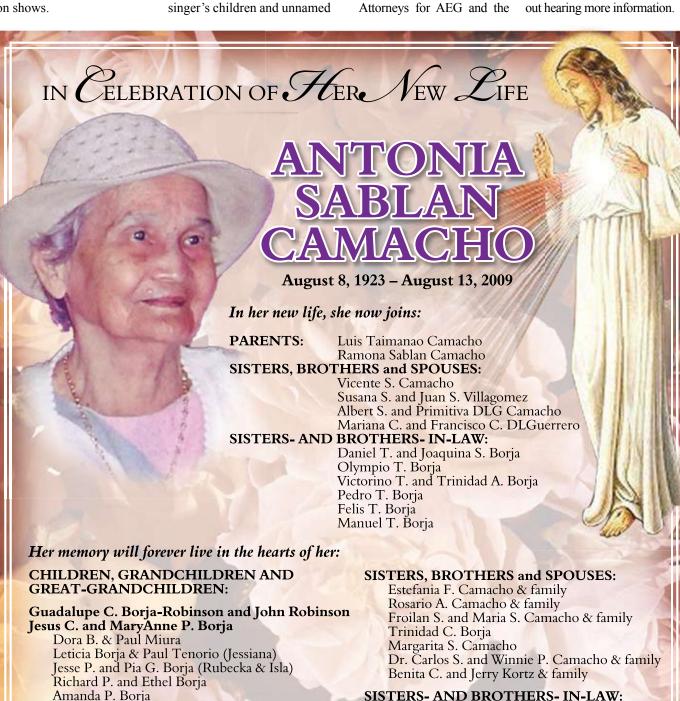
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"She doesn't own the property," Beckloff said. "There's no reason to make her a signatory to those agreements."

Burt Levitch, an attorney for Katherine Jackson, said there was more than money at stake: He said the singer's legacy is on the line and that there is concern Jackson's estate isn't receiving the best deal from AEG.

Beckloff said he was in a difficult position and was concerned that delays in approving the deal—which was first proposed nearly two weeks ago—are hurting the estate.

"I see the delay as a real problem for the estate," Beck-



Mass is being offered every morning at 6:00 a.m. and Sundays at 9:00 a.m. at the Mount Carmel Cathedral.

Her body will be escorted from the Borja Funeral Home to the Mount Carmel Cathedral

at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, August 21, 2009. Viewing and last respects will be at 8:00 a.m.

until 9:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 9:30 a.m. Burial will follow immediately at the Sanctuario Pax in Kagman.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

THE FAMILY

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'School of Rock' set to open in Oklahoma

For five years, Chris Schaefer worked as a disc jockey and he'd studied nightlife enough to know he wanted a career in the music industry.

The 25-year-old Oklahoma City man had his immediate future planned out: He'd move to Great Britain and attend the award-winning Academy of Contemporary Music, a school noted for developing industry professionals, and use what he learned as a springboard into a music-related job.

Then he found out he could do the same thing in his own backyard.

Last year, the ACM partnered with the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond to open the music school's first U.S. venture. Known formally as ACM at UCO and informally as the "School of Rock," the school will offer two-year degrees to students wanting to enter the music industry and opened its doors to about 160 students on Monday.

Schaefer is so excited about the opportunity that he's helped this summer as officials scrambled to set up for the first semester.

"It was one of the weirdest coincidences, because it's such a prestigious school in the

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)— U.K. and they're bringing it to Oklahoma City, of all places," Schaefer said. "There was absolutely no question as to if this was my direction or not."

> Director Phil Brookes founded the ACM 12 years ago in Guildford, England. It now has about 1,200 students and has partnered with universities in Italy and South Africa. Through industry connections, ACM leaders became acquainted with Scott Booker, who has spent more than two decades managing Oklahoma City-based alternative rock band The Flaming Lips, and he knew of ACM's interest in expanding into the U.S.

Booker also knew Oklahoma higher education leaders, including UCO President Roger Webb and Phil Moss, the state's vice chancellor for academic affairs, who seemed interested in an ACM-style program. At a music festival, he brought the interested parties together and the idea quickly took root.

Webb figured a different approach to education required a different kind of CEO, so he asked Booker to fill that role as well (he will continue to manage the Flaming Lips).

"My thought was, I could always go back to teach," said Booker, who planned to become a high school history teacher until a chance meeting with Flaming Lips band members in the 1980s. "I just never thought it would be like this."

The school's curriculum will be an Americanized version of the one taught at the ACM in Great Britain. Students will be taught not just about music or production, but more serious subjects such as contracts, taxes and copyright laws, along with "simple things such as getting on and off stage quick," Booker said.

The tuition and fee costs for a year at the school for an in-state student will be about \$6,800, the same as for a regular UCO student.

Schaefer and his fellow students will work on state-ofthe-art equipment, much of it sold to the school at discount prices by music manufacturers, some of which are sponsoring rooms at the school.

"It's absolutely amazing," Schaefer said. "I looked at some of this equipment and been a little bit overwhelmed. It's just so complicated. All of this stuff is state-of-the-art. It's stuff you'd find in a production studio."

That's the idea, Booker said. "We're teaching you your different options" within the industry, Booker said. "I wanted to be

a guitar player and I ended up

managing The Flaming Lips."

In this photo taken in Oklahoma City, Thursday, Aug. 6, 2009, director Scott Booker tries on the instructor's headphones in the drum classroom at the Oklahoma City campus of the Academy of Contemporary Music.

Spielberg's DreamWorks closes on \$825M funding

LOS ANGELES (AP)—One of Hollywood's most famous directors, Steven Spielberg, has finally closed a deal to secure \$825 million in funding from India's Reliance Big Entertainment, JPMorgan and The Walt Disney Co., his company announced Monday.

The deal represents a huge investment by Bollywood in Hollywood, and sets up DreamWorks Studios to produce about six movies a year to be distributed by Disney starting in late 2010.

"This will allow us to move ahead quickly into production with our first group of films,' Spielberg said in a joint statement with his partner, Stacey Snider.

Anil Ambani, chairman of Reliance Big Entertainment's parent Reliance ADA Group, called the partnership "the cornerstone of our Hollywood strategy as we grow our film interests across the globe."

Under the deal, JPMorgan arranged \$325 million in senior loans from itself, Bank of America, City National Bank and others. Reliance matched the \$325 million with an equity injection that makes it a 50 percent partner in DreamWorks. Disney provided a \$175 million line of credit.

One of the first movies from the new company to make it into theaters under the Disney distribution deal will be "Harvey," a Spielberg-directed adaptation of a play about a man and his friendship with an invisible giant rabbit.

Another DreamWorks movie, "Dinner for Schmucks," is being co-financed by Paramount Pictures and Spyglass Entertainment and is set for theaters next year after beginning shooting in October. It is being directed by Jay Roach.

BOX OFFICE

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Aliens have conquered the weekend box office as the extraterrestrial tale "District 9" opened strongly with \$37.4 million.

Another sci-fi story, the romance "The Time Traveler's Wife," also had a solid debut of \$18.6 million.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Hollywood.com:

"District 9," Sony, \$37,354,308, 3,049 locations, \$12,251 average, \$37,354,308, one week.

"G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra," Paramount, \$22,324,341, 4,007 locations, \$5,571 average, \$98,577,529, two weeks.

"The Time Traveler's Wife," Warner Bros., \$18,623,171, 2,988 locations, \$6,233 average, \$18,623,171, one week.

"Julie & Julia," Sony, \$12,055,918, 2,354 locations, \$5,121 average, \$43,340,386, two weeks.

"G-Force," Disney, \$6,915,642, 3,065 locations, \$2,256 average, \$99,056,616, four weeks.

"The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard," Paramount Vantage, \$5,642,137, 1,838 locations, \$3,070 average, \$5,642,137, one week.

"Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," Warner Bros., \$5,141,072, 2,771 locations, \$1,855 average, \$283,879,025, five weeks.

"The Ugly Truth," Sony, \$4,448,232, 2,733 locations, \$1,628 average, \$77,450,118, four weeks.

"Ponyo," Disney, \$3,585,852, 927 locations, \$3,868 average, \$3,585,852, one week.

"Funny People," Universal, \$3,010,755, 2,584 locations, \$1,165 average, \$47,910,620, three weeks.

"(500) Days of Summer," Fox Searchlight, \$2,967,462, 1,048 locations, \$2,832 average, \$17,897,509, five weeks. "A Perfect Getaway," Universal, \$2,860,100, 2,159 lo-

cations, \$1,325 average, \$11,560,335, two weeks. "Bandslam," Summit, \$2,231,273, 2,121 locations,

\$1,052 average, \$2,231,273, one week. "The Hangover," Warner Bros., \$1,988,986, 1,185 loca-

tions, \$1,678 average, \$265,790,452, 11 weeks. "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen," Para-

mount, \$1,604,523, 1,007 locations, \$1,593 average, \$396,758,605, eight weeks.

"Orphan," Warner Bros., \$1,577,433, 1,261 locations, \$1,251 average, \$38,346,772, four weeks.

"Aliens in the Attic," Fox, \$1,449,859, 1,535 locations, \$945 average, \$20,568,729, three weeks.

"The Proposal," Disney, \$1,301,551, 1,084 locations, \$1,201 average, \$157,693,055, nine weeks.

"Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs," Fox, \$1,268,700, 858 locations, \$1,479 average, \$190,855,447, seven weeks. "The Hurt Locker," Summit, \$644,194, 478 locations,

\$1,348 average, \$10,365,831, eight weeks.



From the children and family

'Dancing With the Stars' cast includes Tom DeLay

NEW YORK (AP)—Former Republican Majority Leader Tom DeLay will join 15 celebrities from the worlds of entertainment and sports in kicking up their heels on the new season of "Dancing With the Stars.

Other hopefuls include entertainer Donny Osmond; singers Mya, Macy Gray and Aaron Carter; actors Melissa Joan Hart, Debi Mazar and Ashley Hamilton (son of George); models Joanna Krupa and Kathy Ireland; reality stars Kelly Osbourne and Mark Dacascos ("the Chairman" on Food Network's "Iron Chef America"); mixed martial artist Chuck Liddell; professional snowboarder Louie Vito; Olympic swimmer Natalie Coughlin; former Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Michael Irvin and the 62-year-old former congressman from Texas.

The contestants were announced on Monday's "Good Morning America" by "Dancing" host Tom Bergeron.

He also unveiled a new competitive twist.

"In the middle of our season. over three weeks, we're going to have double eliminations," said Bergeron. "We'll lose about half of our cast within that period. It will be a ballroom bloodbath."



In this Tuesday, April 4, 2006 file photo, former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, leaves the Cannon House Office Building, at the U.S. Capitol in Washington.

Samantha Harris returns as co-host, with the panel of judges including ballroom judge Len Goodman and dancer-choreog-

raphers Bruno Tonioli and Carrie Ann Inaba.

The ninth season of the hit ABC show premieres Sept. 21.

Obama to attend Walter Cronkite memorial

NEW YORK (AP)—The White House says President Barack Obama is among the dignitaries scheduled to speak at a memorial service for the late CBS News anchorman Walter Cronkite next month.

Sept. 9 at New York's Lincoln announced later. The anchor-Center. A CBS executive who spoke on condition of trusted man in America" died anonymity because the plans aren't finalized—says the public will be invited to attend,

The memorial is set for with ticket arrangements to be man once known as "the most at age 92 last month.

The speakers list isn't complete, but the executive says Bill

Pro wrestler Kurt Angle's hearing postponed in

MCKEES ROCKS, Pennsylvania (AP)—A preliminary hearing has been postponed for pro wrestler and Olympic gold medalist Kurt Angle on charges he illegally possessed human growth hormone near Pittsburgh.

The 40-year-old star of Total Nonstop Action Wrestling was charged Saturday. Police say they found HGH when they stopped his vehicle in Robinson Township after Angle allegedly violated a protection from abuse order obtained by his girlfriend.

Angle contends he has a prescription for the HGH. His attorney says Angle didn't violate the order, but just happened to stop at a coffee shop where the woman worked.

Tuesday's hearing on the drug charge was rescheduled for Sept. 15. Angle faces a separate hearing Oct. 6 on violating the abuse order.

Clinton, astronaut Buzz Aldrin and TV news stars Katie Couric, Andy Rooney, Bob Schieffer and Tom Brokaw are expected.

Mickey Hart, Wynton Marsalis, Michael Feinstein, Jimmy Buffett and the U.S. Marine Corps band are anticipated performers.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Disney stunt performer dies during rehearsal

ORLANDO, Florida (AP)—A Walt Disney World stunt performer died after an accident while rehearsing for the Indiana Jones show at the Hollywood Studios theme park in Orlando. A Disney spokeswoman says the stunt performer was rehearsing Monday evening for the "Indiana Jones Epic Stunt Spectacular" and was hurt while doing a tumbling roll. He was taken to the hospital and later died. The performer's name has not been released. Disney spokeswoman Zoraya Suarez says Disney officials have notified the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Orange County Sheriff's Office of the accident. Out of respect for the man, Suarez says the Indiana Jones show will not be performed Tuesday.

'Avatar' site crashes as fans seek free tickets

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Fans seeking free tickets to a sneak-peek at the 3D sci-fi adventure "Avatar" have crashed the Web site for the upcoming James Cameron film. Visitors to the site Monday who clicked to get tickets to a free 15minute preview scheduled for Friday instead got an error message. A representative for 20th

Century Fox said the site was being repaired. The studio will unveil the film's trailer in theaters and online Friday, and fans who score tickets for special showings at 3D theaters across the globe will see extended previews.

'Mad Men' adds up a big audience for season debut

NEW YORK (AP)—AMC network says "Mad Men" logged a one-third boost in viewers for its season premiere Sunday, over last year's premiere of the much acclaimed drama. The 10 p.m. Eastern airing of the season opener drew an audience of 2.8 million viewers, versus 2.1 million last year. Altogether, Sunday's total of three airings of the episode had an audience of nearly 4 million viewers. Now in its third season, "Mad Men" follows the complicated life of Don Draper, an ad agency executive in 1960s-era New York. The series has 16 Emmy nominations this year, the most for any drama series, including for Jon Hamm, who stars as Draper.

Met Opera sells record \$2.5 million of tickets

NEW YORK (AP)—The Metropolitan Opera was singing a happy song about the first day of individual box office sales for the upcoming season. The Met sold \$2.5 million worth of tickets on Sunday at its box office, telephone call center and Web site, up from \$2 million on the first day of sales last year. The Met said Monday the amount topped its previous record nearly \$2.1 million two years ago. The Met's season opens Sept. 21 with a new production of Puccini's "Tosca."

Walt Disney star Virginia Davis dies at 90

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Virginia Davis, who appeared in Walt Disney's pioneering silent films, has died at age 90. Disney Studios spokesman Howard Green says Davis passed away at her home Saturday in Corona, Calif., from natural causes. The pretty blond 4-year-old was hired by Disney in 1923 when he was just starting out in Kansas City. Mo. She later worked with him in Hollywood. She was the first of several girls to have the title role in a series of "Alice" comedies that ran from 1923 to 1927. Her moving image was photographed and combined with animated cartoons.

Ruben Blades releases new CD after 6-year absence

PANAMA CITY (AP)—Famed salsa musician Ruben Blades has released a new album after a

six-year absence from the music scene. The 61-year-old Grammy winner from Panama says the CD, "Songs of Underdevelopment," is a tribute to Cuba, his mother's homeland. Blades says he played most of the instruments heard on the CD recorded in the garage of his Los Angeles home. He says the album is full of simple sounds that reflect Latin America's popular music. Blades began working on the album in 2003 but put it aside when he was named Panama's tourism minister, a post he held until June 30. In a statement Monday, he says the CD will be sold through his Web site. He plans a tour that will start Aug. 21 with a concert in Puerto Rico.

Comedian Steve Harvey joins 'Good Morning America'

NEW YORK (AP)—ABC says comedian Steve Harvey is joining "Good Morning America" for reports on family and relationship topics. Harvey's first segment is scheduled for Wednesday's broadcast. The 52-year-old Harvey is author of the best-selling book "Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man," and he previously starred in his selftitled sitcom for seven seasons on the WB network. His syndicated radio show is heard in 60 markets around the nation.

Promiscuous co-ed will be poor role model for sister

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I'm about to move out of a condo I have shared for two years with a roommate I'll call "Carly." Her parents own it, and I'm leaving because Carly's sister, "Heather," is moving in soon to attend school. Carly is supposed to look out for Heather and teach her how to live on her own because Heather has some mental challenges.



In the two years I have lived with Carly, she has been mostly absent. She often leaves for days at a time without telling me. I hope this will change when her sister moves in.

Carly is also very promiscuous. She's always with one guy or another, and occasionally intimate with more than one at a time. Through closed doors and over a blaring TV I have overheard her and her boyfriends going at it but accepted it as part of normal college life. I fear Heather will be mortified to hear what I have heard.

I don't think Carly knows she has been overheard. Should I warn her when I move out? Or should I not mention it and hope she's a better role model for Heather when she arrives?

ALMOST EX-ROOMIE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR ALMOST EX: By all means warn Carly. Had you done so the first time the noise bothered you, living there would have been less embarrassing for you. But at the same time you should also have a chat with Carly's parents. The responsibility they are placing on her is a serious one, and it doesn't appear Carly is up to shouldering it.

A better solution for Heather would be for her to be in a program where certified teachers can help her learn independent living skills and in which she would receive appropriate, consistent supervision. Her safety—in more ways than one—could depend on it.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law has a terrible habit. She tells us what she wants for gifts in the form of e-mails with Web links to things she wants.

One year, she bought a pair of \$700 earnings and told her fiance that he bought them for her birthday. He actually had to reiburse her.

Last Mother's Day she sent an e-mail with a link to a site selling personalized crystal items to be engraved with a thoughtful message to "Mom." This week she sent an e-mail—two months in advance—saying what she wants for her birthday.

I wasn't raised like this. I have a problem with someone telling me what she wants when I haven't asked. I also don't like being told how much to spend. I think her behavior is selfish and immature, but how do I get

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Enjoy the company of people who have similar interests. Someone will help you advance in your chosen field. A turn of events regarding love will lead to a good decision. 00000

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't give up too much in hopes of getting what you want. Emotionally, it will be a stretch to get along with friends and family. Don't disagree-wait for a more opportune moment to prove your point. 🛇

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): You should be separating yourself from the crowd and dancing to your own beat. There is plenty to gain from being an individual with original ideas and the passion and drive to take on a challenge.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Trust in yourself and you will avoid making the wrong decision. Someone may not feel the same way you do about the future but that doesn't mean you have to give in and follow a path that doesn't suit you.

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nancially. Times are changing and you need to update and move on. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be able to talk your way in and out of

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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By DAVID OUELLET

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NFLPA braces players for 2011 lockout

(AP)—NFL officials insist they want a new labor deal.

The players association is convinced league owners are after something else: A lockout in 2011.

NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith told reporters at the Colts' training camp Monday morning that he expects owners to impose a lockout in two years and has begun advising players on how to prepare for it.

"They want to lock us out in 2011, so our drop dead date is when our players say 'What do I do when my family

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. making the latest stop on his league- health insurance and 401(k) retirement wide tour. "All of us are sitting back plans if there is a work stoppage.

waiting to hear why they walked away from a deal that generated \$8 billion."

Apparently, players are listening.

Three-time Pro Bowl center Jeff Saturday(notes), the Colts' player representative, acknowledged he has spoken with teammates about the need to save more money now.

guarterback Pittsburgh Charlie Batch(notes) said earlier this month that he also has spoken with teammates about needs health care?" Smith said while the possibility of losing benefits such as

And Tennessee center Kevin Mawae(notes), NFLPA president, has joined the chorus.

"In the event that there is a lockout, it makes sense. It's the smartest thing to do," he said last week. "Obviously, we don't want it to get to that point but we want our play-

ers to be prepared."

But league spokesman Greg Aiello tamped down the prognostications.

"We are preparing to negotiate a new agreement," Aiello said. "We have had two meetings with NFLPA leadership, and we expect to have more. But we have at least two seasons of football left before the contract expires."

The original collective bargaining agreement was to run through 2013. Owners opted out of the deal in May 2008, citing economic problems that send nearly 60 percent of revenues to the players—a number owners call excessive. Many teams as well as the league office have laid off employees over the past year.

If no agreement is reached by March, the 2010 season will be the first without a salary cap since 1993 and could lead to more uncapped years.

Still, Smith said he's willing to discuss any issues the owners want—as long as he gets answers about why the 32 league owners opted out of the original CBA.

"I'm happy to talk about a change in the disciplinary policy, 18 games or whatever," Smith said. "But if your employer decides it wants to close the doors in two years, you know, you can talk about a lunch break or anything else. But the first question vou'd ask them is why do you want to lock me out?"

Smith balked at the suggestion of a rookie cap, something Colts president Bill Polian and others contend would make pay more equitable between unproven newcomers and proven veterans.

Smith suggested that is unnecessary unless the owners make a concession.

"I've heard the argument and understand the argument that if you have a rookie wage scale, you can use more money on veterans if you want to make the deal," Smith said. "If you want to make a deal like that, where every team guarantees that they'll use every dollar of the cap, then that's OK. But has anyone proposed that?"

The bigger issue is whether players will be permitted to work in two years.

Smith is convinced this was created by owners who want a lockout. Players agree.

"The way the owners are talking, they are going to lock us out," Saturday said. "But we're a long way from killing the golden goose. We're giving guys all the information we have so they know what to do if it happens."



Smith

Hill's bizarre late TD leads Giants over Panthers

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—

Tom Coughlin and John Fox met at midfield and shared a laugh.

What else could the two coaches do after seeing the New York Giants and Carolina Panthers preseason game end on a bizarre play as the clock

Defensive end Tommie Hill scored on a stunning 18-yard fumble return on the final play from scrimmage and the Giants scored a 24-17 victory over the Panthers on Monday night.

"Kind of an interesting ending," said Fox, who was still smiling even though his team lost.

Stunning. Shocking. Unexpected. Pick a word. They all would fit.

Fourth-string quarterback Hunter Cantwell had tied the game with 57 seconds to play, taking Carolina on an 88-yard drive. He ran for 21 yards and passed for 67 on the five-play drive that ended with a 31yard scoring pass to Jason Chery and a 2-point conversion pass to Andrew Davie.

The Giants had a three-andout series and Jeff Feagles punted 56 yards to the Carolina 18 with 10 seconds to play.

Instead of taking a knee, Cantwell went back to pass on the next play and his arm was hit by Leger Douzable. The ball went in the air and Hill grabbed it and scurried into the left corner of the rence Tynes. end zone for a shocking ending.

"I've never seen a game end like with the last one deciding the game. that, not that way," Hill said.

since high school and he kept the ball.

"I'm just a rookie trying to make the team," Hill added. "Anything like that that helps the team win in turn helps me. It was just a fortunate situation and I made the most of it."

The same holds true for Douzable, a second-year pro trying to earn a spot on a very talented line.

"Everybody figured on defense they would take a knee," Douzable said. "When they snapped it, I put a move on the guard. I saw the quarterback with the ball in his hand and I got it."

And the Giants and Panthers ended up avoiding overtime.

"Both sides have a lot of work, but we have time. We have three weeks to

The Giants had led almost the entire game, scoring on a 19-yard run by Ahmad Bradshaw, a 36-yard screen pass

from David Carr to halfback Danny Ware and a 46-yard field goal by Law-

New York Giants' Tommie Hill, top, celebrates with teammates Jeremy Clark, and Stoney Woodson after Hill scored the game-winning touchdown against the Carolina Panthers as time ran out in a preseason NFL football game Monday, Aug. 17, 2009, at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. New York won 24-17.

New York also forced five turnovers,

Linebacker James Anderson's punt It was the first touchdown for free block led to a Carolina safety in the agent rookie from Colorado State first half and halfback Mike Goodson scored on a 14-yard run in the third quarter for Carolina's other scores.

> Eli Manning, who signed a \$97 million contract extension last week, played only two series for New York in trying to find a deep threat to replace the troubled Plaxico Burress, who was released in April in the wake of his self-inflicted gunshot wound.

> While none of the receivers stood out, Manning had to be happy with his offensive line and running game. Brandon Jacobs had a 13-yard catch and run and rambled 22 yards on a 77yard scoring drive that featured an 18yard Manning pass to Domenik Hixon and the touchdown run by Bradshaw, who is replacing Derrick Ward, the 1,000

rusher who signed with Tampa Bay.

"We ran the ball really well, hit a couple passes and we got a touchdown," said Manning, who was 2 of 3 for 31 yards playing behind an offense line that was without starting guards Chris

Snee and Rich Seubert. "That is always the goal. We did a nice job with it, so I thought we were effective as the first group."

James Anderson came clean on his punt block and got Carolina on the scoreboard with a safety midway through the second quarter. Feagles had to bat the ball out of the end zone to prevent a Panthers' touchdown.

The defense and Carr combined for New York's second touchdown late in the second quarter. Maurice Evans sacked Josh McCown and rookie De-Andre Wright recovered at the Panthers 36.

On third-and-10, New York had a perfect call against a Panthers' blitz and Ware was almost untouched scoring on a 36yard screen pass.

Panthers safety Quinton Teal intercepted an Andre Woodson pass early in the third quarter and returned the ball 21 yards to the Giants 30. Goodson ran 16 yards with a pitch on the first down and then cut back

left on the second play for the touchdown, although he was flagged for a taunting penalty for making a throat slash gesture after the run.

Tynes, who missed a 43-yard field goal earlier in the game that matched two teams that disappointed in the playoffs last season, seemed to give New York breathing room with his 46yarder in the fourth quarter.

However, Cantwell tied the game with less than a minute to play and then coughed up the ball to go from hero to goat.

The game marked the return of two-time Pro Bowl defensive end Osi Umenyiora to the Giants' lineup after missing last season with a knee injury. He delighted the crowd with a firstquarter sack.

Jake Delhomme, who threw five interceptions in the playoff loss to Arizona, was 5 for 9 for 38 yards in an average performance over three series.

NFL BRIEFS

Vick, McNabb may play together

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Here's a scenario that must have defensive coordinators scrambling to their chalkboards: Donovan McNabb and Michael Vick on the field together. Though Vick has spent his three practice days with the Philadelphia Eagles playing quarterback, it's more likely he'll see most of his action in a nontraditional offense. With his speed and powerful arm, Vick is an ideal candidate to run a variation of the Wildcat formation. Eagles coach Andy Reid isn't revealing any secrets, but McNabb said Monday he wouldn't mind if Vick took some of his snaps. "I wouldn't have a problem with it if it's helping us win," McNabb said. If Vick lines up behind center, McNabb won't necessarily be watching from the sideline." "I'll be a receiver. I might be a tight end. I might be a running back," he said with a smile. "You never know where I'll be." It's uncertain whether the Eagles would risk putting McNabb at an unfamiliar position and expose him to the defense. But it's clear that Vick was brought in to add a different dimension to the offense, not to push McNabb for a starting job. "Coach will think of something," McNabb said.

Bills' Owens returns to practice

PITTSFORD, N.Y. (AP)—Terrell Owens made a brief return to practice on Monday night to test his sprained toe that is getting better but not fully healed. After stretching with teammates, Owens spent about 15 minutes running routes and catching passes in individual drills. He then took off his helmet and practice jersey, and pulled on a red baseball cap to watch part of the session before going for treatment. Owens didn't speak to reporters after his first time back on the field since jamming his foot during the first series of a 21-18 loss to Tennessee in the Hall of Fame game on Aug. 9. Bills coach Dick Jauron said Owens felt OK after practice, but noted he is still sore. Jauron didn't say when Owens might be

cleared for a full practice or whether he'd be ready to play Saturday, when the Bills take on the Packers at Green Bay.

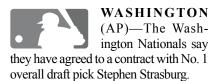
Raiders coach declines to discuss alleged fight

NAPA, Calif. (AP)—Oakland Raiders head coach Tom Cable declined to comment Monday about reports he punched defensive assistant Randy Hanson in the jaw and caused injuries that required treatment at a hospital earlier this month. According to AOL Fanhouse, Cable hit Hanson on Aug. 5 for unknown reasons. A report filed with the Napa Police Department describes an unnamed 41-year-old assistant coach being treated at the Queen of the Valley Hospital for a jaw injury, which the victim alleges was caused by an unidentified member of the Raiders coaching staff. Cable, who replaced Lane Kiffin as Oakland's head coach four games into the 2008 season, repeatedly sidestepped questions Monday about the incident and declined to discuss his involvement.

Bengals QB Palmer misses practice

GEORGETOWN, Ky. (AP)—Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer has missed practice because of a sprained ankle, leaving it unclear whether he'll play in Cincinnati's second preseason game. Palmer hurt his left ankle during a game Friday in New Orleans. Bengals coach Marvin Lewis described the injury on Monday as a mild to moderate high-ankle sprain. Palmer didn't participate in practice later in the day, leaving his status unclear for the game Thursday at New England. Last season, Palmer missed all but four games because of a partially torn ligament and tendon in his passing elbow. Palmer chose not to have surgery, letting the elbow heal on its own. The elbow has been fine, so far. Muhammad Ali visited the team during its final workout at Georgetown College before camp moves back to Cincinnati.

Nationals sign No. 1 pick Strasburg



The last-place team and the hardthrowing right-hander from San Diego State faced a deadline of midnight on Monday night to reach a deal.

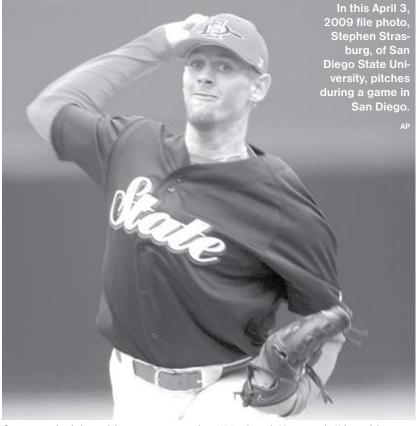
Strasburg went 13-1 last season, leading Division I pitchers in ERA and strikeouts, and won the Golden Spikes award for the top U.S. amateur baseball player.

Strasburg and the Washington Nationals agreed to a record contract just before Monday's midnight deadline, a four-year deal that will pay the hard-throwing right-hander slightly more than \$15.1 million.

The San Diego State pitcher was selected first by the last-place Nationals in June and set the mark for the most money guaranteed to a drafted player. That's been held since 2001 by pitcher Mark Prior, who received a \$10.5 million, five-year contract after he was selected with the second pick, behind Joe Mauer.

"He's chomping at the bit to get out on the mound. He's ultra-, ultracompetitive," acting Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo said, "and I think he was getting a little tired of sitting around the house."

Strasburg was among 16 of 32



first-round picks without announced agreements heading into the final day. Only three first-round picks failed to sign, and the deadline didn't apply to one of them.

Nationals president Stan Kasten said the team resolved the deal with Strasburg without much time to spare -

"11:58 and 43 seconds," he said.

"People thought it would take to the last minute," Kasten said, smiling. "We didn't even need that last minute."

Scott Boras represented six of the unsigned first-round picks, including Strasburg and the second, third, ninth, 13th and 30th selections.

In addition to Strasburg, he negotiated a five-year contract worth at least \$7.5 million for Dustin Ackley, a North Carolina center fielder taken by No. 2 Seattle; a \$3.25 million signing bonus for Donavan Tate, a center fielder from Cartersville High School in Georgia selected No. 3 by San Diego; a \$5.5 million, six-year contract for Jacob Turner, a right-hander from Westminster Christian Academy in Missouri taken by No. 9 Detroit; and a \$2.75 million signing bonus for Grant Green, a Southern Cal shortstop drafted No. 13 by Oakland.

Tate had planned to play football and baseball at North Carolina.

Tampa Bay failed to agree with another Boras client, LeVon Washington, a second baseman from Buchholz High School in Florida taken by Tampa Bay with the 30th pick.

"We are disappointed that LeVon has chosen not to sign with the Rays. We offered him a bonus consistent with late first-round picks," Rays executive vice president of baseball operations Andrew Friedman. "Immediately following the draft, he seemed eager to sign but it has not materialized. We wish LeVon great success with his baseball career."

Among other picks, Zack Wheeler, a right-hander from East Paulding High in Georgia selected sixth by San Francisco, agreed at \$3.3 million. Cincinna-

ti and Arizona State right-hander Mike Leake, the No. 8 pick, agreed at \$2.27 million and Colorado gave \$3.9 million to the No. 11 pick, Tyler Matzek, a lefthander from Capistrano Valley High School in Mission Viejo, Calif.

Cleveland agreed at \$2.25 million with the 15th pick, North Carolina right-hander Alex White, and Florida settled at \$1.7 million with Chad James, a left-hander from Yukon High School in Oklahoma selected with the 18th pick.

St. Louis agreed at \$2,875,000 with Shelby Miller, a right-hander from Brownwood High School in Texas taken with the 19th pick. Minnesota agreed with the 22nd pick, Missouri right-hander Kyle Gibson, at \$1.85 million. And the Yankees gave a \$2.2 million deal to the 29th pick, Slade Heathcott, a center fielder from Texas High School in Texarkana.

Texas failed to sign Matt Purke, a left-hander from Klein High School in Texas.

Right-hander Aaron Crow, selected 12th by Kansas City, was not subject to the deadline because he exhausted his college eligibility. He was among just two first-round picks who failed to sign last year, when he was drafted ninth by the Nationals. Right-hander Gerrit Cole, taken by the Yankees with the 28th pick in 2008, decided to attend UCLA.

Pujols hits HR in Cards win over Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rick Ankiel put St. Louis ahead with a two-run homer in the seventh inning, and Chris Carpenter allowed five hits over eight innings in the St. Louis Cardinals' ninth victory in 10 games, 3-2 over Los Angeles in the National League on Monday.

Albert Pujols hit his major leagueleading 39th homer as the Cardinals opened a seven-game California trip.

Carpenter (13-3) fell behind twice, but Pujols and Ankiel connected to ensure his fifth consecutive victory. He is 8-0 in nine starts since July began, and 5-0 in six career starts against the Dodgers.

James Loney had an RBI single in the fifth for the Dodgers, who opened a tough seven-game homestand with their fourth loss in five games.

Ankiel homered after knuckle-baller Charlie Haeger (0-1) hit Ryan Ludwick with a pitch. Ankiel was in a 1-for-17 slump before his ninth homer of the season.

Padres 4, Cubs 1

At San Diego, rookie Kyle Blanks hit a three-run homer with two outs in the bottom of ninth as San Diego downed Chicago.

The Cubs were one strike away from securing a 1-0 win when Chase Headley doubled off Kevin Gregg (4-5) to score David Eckstein, who walked with one out, from first base.

Kevin Kouzmanoff was intentionally walked and Blanks hit his seventh homer.

Heath Bell (5-2) pitched one inning for the win.

The Cubs took a 1-0 lead when Derrek Lee tripled leading off the eighth and scored on Aramis Ramirez's single.

Braves 9, Diamondbacks 4

At Atlanta, Ryan Church hit a three-run double in a six-run third inning to lift Atlanta past Arizona.

Tommy Hanson (8-2) gave up six hits, no walks and two runs in six innings for his third straight win. The rookie right-hander struck out seven.

Garret Anderson gave the Braves a 1-0 lead with a second-inning homer, and Adam LaRoche added a two-run shot off Max Scherzer in the sixth.

The Braves won two of three in a series that took three months to complete. The game was rescheduled following a May 17 rainout at Turner Field.

Scherzer (7-7) gave up six hits and nine runs, three earned, in five innings. His throwing error in the third made all the runs in it unearned.

Stephen Drew and Mark Reynolds homered for Arizona.

Giants 10, Mets 1

At New York, Aaron Rowand homered and had four hits as San Francisco beat New York to split a four-game series.

Pinch-hitter Nate Schierholtz chased Livan Hernandez (7-8) with a two-run double in a three-run sixth inning that broke it open. Randy Winn added three hits for the Giants, who set a season high with 18.

Gary Sheffield had an RBI single for the Mets.

Joe Martinez (3-1), who has won twice in three starts, allowed one run and five hits in five innings.

Pablo Sandoval got the Giants started with an RBI double in the third. Rowand hit a solo shot in the fourth, and Eugenio Velez tripled to open the fifth before scoring on Freddy Sanchez's sacrifice fly.

Pirates 9, Brewers 5

At Pittsburgh, Andy LaRoche, Garrett Jones and Ronny Cedeno homered as Pittsburgh beat Milwaukee for only its second win in its past 14 games.

The Pirates scored four runs during a four-game losing streak and did not homer in their just-completed fivegame trip. But eight of nine starters had hits Monday, seven scored and seven had at least one RBI.

Mike Cameron and Price Fielder homered for the Brewers, who fell seven games behind Colorado in the NL wild card.

Kevin Hart (4-2) earned his first win in three starts since being acquired from the Chicago Cubs on July 30. He allowed four runs and nine hits in six innings.

The Pirates entered the game having lost 17 of their previous 20 and on an eight-game home losing streak.

LaRoche hit his sixth homer, a solo shot in the second off Carlos Villanueva (2-10).

Athletics 3, Yankees 0

At Oakland, Brett Tomko pitched five scoreless innings to beat New York less than a month after being released by the Yankees, winning his debut with the Oakland Athletics 3-0 in the American League on Monday.

Kurt Suzuki and Mark Ellis had RBI hits in a three-run fourth inning against A.J. Burnett (10-6) in the Yankees' second straight loss on this West Coast trip.

Three relievers finished the shutout, the fourth this season against the Yankees, who lead the majors in home runs and are second to the Los Angeles Angels in runs scored.

Tomko (2-2) allowed five hits and one walk, throwing 78 pitches in his

first start May 26, 2008, for Kansas City. Tomko started the season in the Yankees' organization and was called up to the majors in May. He went 1-2 with a 5.23 ERA in 15 relief appearances before being designated for assignment on July 21.

The A's signed him to a minor league deal earlier this month and he made three appearances in the minors before getting the start against his former team.

Andrew Bailey pitched a perfect ninth for his 18th save, finishing Oakland's sixth shutout of the season.

Angels 8, Orioles 5

At Baltimore, Vladimir Guerrero hit two homers and had five RBIs, and Kendry Morales and Maicer Izturis also homered as Los Angeles downed Baltimore.

The Angels broke a 2-all tie with three runs in the sixth and three in the seventh.

Izturis broke the tie with a solo shot off rookie David Hernandez (4-5) in the sixth. Guerrero added a two-run drive.

In the seventh, Guerrero hit a threerun homer, his 10th of the season and 402nd for his career. He has 38 career multihomer games.

Ervin Santana (6-6) allowed three runs and seven hits in six innings to win his third straight start. Brian Fuentes got the final out for his 34th save.

The Angels have won six of seven overall and 20 of their last 26 on the road.

Rangers 8, Twins 5

At Arlington, Texas, Marlon Byrd drove in three runs as Texas beat Minnesota to extend its lead in the AL wild-card race.

After taking two of three over the weekend from Boston, the Rangers stretched their advantage to one game over the idle Red Sox.

Josh Hamilton had two hits and scored twice as he batted third in

the Rangers lineup for the first time since July 25. David Murphy added two RBIs for Texas, which led 7-2 after the second.

Tommy Hunter (6-2) won his third straight start, allowing four runs and four hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Minnesota All-Star first baseman Justin Morneau left in the fourth inning after experiencing dizziness. The 2006 MVP came into the game leading the AL with 94 RBIs.

Joe Mauer went 3 for 5 and homered for the Twins, who have lost 12 of 16. He pushed his hitting streak to 14 games and raised baseball's best batting average to .380.

White Sox 8, Royals 7

At Chicago, Scott Podsednik had a go-ahead RBI single in the eighth inning and A.J. Pierzynski hit a tworun homer in the seventh as Chicago edged Kansas City.

With the score tied at 7, Alex Rios drew a leadoff walk from Royals reliever Roman Colon (1-3) in the eighth. After a sacrifice and another out, Podsednik singled off John Bale.

Jayson Nix hit a two-run homer for the White Sox, who are two games behind first-place Detroit in the AL Central.

White Sox starter Mark Buehrle again failed to win for the first time since pitching a perfect game against Tampa Bay on July 23. He has a fivegame winless streak. Buehrle allowed four runs and nine hits in six innings.

Scott Linebrink (3-5) gave up a 7-4 lead on a two-out three-run homer by Mike Jacobs in the seventh. It was his 16th and the first pinch-hit homer of the season for the Royals.

Bobby Jenks pitched a scoreless ninth for his 25th save.

Yuniesky Betancourt hit a two-run homer for the Royals, who have lost four of six.

Poor putting dooms Tiger to 1st 'major' collapse



Tiger Woods hits out of a bunker on the eighth green during the final round of the 91st PGA Championship at the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn., Sunday, Aug. 16, 2009.



CHASKA, Minn. (AP)— His bid for a 15th major championship vanquished, Tiger Woods stood on the 18th green at Hazeltine Na-

tional on Sunday holding his putter in his hands and staring in disbelief.

Fourteen times he had started the Sunday of a major with the lead. Fourteen times he brought the trophy home. Of all the ways for that remarkable streak to come to an end, death by putter had to be the most improbable.

Long known for nailing clutch putts on the biggest of stages, Woods missed seven inside of 10 feet at the PGA Championship on Sunday to let a twoshot lead slip away to first-time major winner Y.E. Yang.

"I made absolutely nothing," said Woods, who had 33 putts in the round his highest total of the week. "I just have to say, terrible day on the greens. And I had it at the wrong time."

Woods started the day with a twoshot lead over Yang and Padraig Harrington, and his reputation as the game's greatest closer had many treating the early portion of the round as a coronation.

But Yang proved to be tougher and more focused than anyone imagined, never wilting under Tiger's glare and forcing him to do more than just intimidate to win.

For the first time in his major career,

Woods wasn't up to the task.

Tied at the turn, Woods missed makable putts on Nos. 10, 13 and 17 as Yang surged to the front. Woods could never answer, shooting a 3-over 75 to finish at 5 under, three strokes behind Yang.

"I hit the ball great off the tee, hit my irons well," Woods said. "I did everything I needed to do except for getting the ball in the hole."

It was a startling failure for a player who has earned his reputation as the best in the world on the greens. He has so many memorable putts in his career, including a 30-footer to beat Bob May at Valhalla in the 2000 PGA Championship and a 12-footer on the final hole of the U.S. Open to force a playoff with Rocco Mediate last year.

"I played well enough to win today," Woods said. "And the frustrating thing is I didn't make any putts and that's something I've been doing over the last three weeks. I've been putting pretty good."

Woods stormed into the final major of the season on the strength of consecutive victories at the Buick Open and Firestone. His sharp play continued on the first two days at Hazeltine, putting him at 8 under and giving this the feeling that his 15th major title was a foregone conclusion.

He played things more conservatively on Saturday, content to make pars and hold the lead. But he couldn't fin- was making nothing.

ish things off against Yang, who turned the tide in Tiger-like fashion by sinking an 8-foot putt on No. 13 and holing out from 60 feet on No. 14.

Woods still had a few chances to get back into a tie on the last two holes, but the shots, and in particular the putts, just never came through.

The South Korean gave Woods one more chance with a bogey at No. 17, but Woods missed an 8-foot putt that would have moved him into a tie heading to the final hole.

No one was more surprised than Yang, who was playing with Woods for the first time but was already wellversed in Tiger lore.

"I've seen through the highlights while playing in the same tournaments that Tiger makes some miraculous shots and miraculous putts," Yang said. "I've seen it throughout his career, and I've admired him and respected him."

But never feared him.

With Woods unable to gain momentum and get the crowd roaring with one of his signature big putts, Yang never looked rattled through the entire round, even when he was spraying shots into the trees or the crowd.

His flat stick flailing, Woods never was able to take advantage.

"I was in control of the tournament for most of the day," Woods said. "I was playing well, hitting the ball well. I

Yang victory redefines 'global golf'

CHASKA, Minn. (AP)—For years, in China and limited to Asian players, Asian countries could only boast about growth and potential in men's golf. Success was measured by a half-dozen players who had cracked the top 50 in the world rankings over the last decade.

It took Y.E. Yang and his stunning victory over Tiger Woods to make them a major part of the conversation.

"We've been waiting for quite a number of years for this," said Peter Dawson, chief executive of the hallowed Royal & Ancient Golf Club in Scotland. "Perhaps the PGA Championship was not the one we were expecting. But it's great for golf. It's great for Korea. It's great for Asia. And it's very timely for getting back into the Olympics.

"It's a fantastic day for golf."

Until the 2009 PGA Championship, players from every continent except Asia and Antarctica had captured a major championship over the last three years as "global golf" became a buzz term.

That changed Sunday at Hazeltine when Yang, a 37-year-old South Korean, delivered a shot felt across oceans. Leading by one shot against the world's No. 1 player on the 18th hole, he struck a 3-iron hybrid from 210 yards around a tree, barely over a bunker and onto the green about 12 feet from the cup.

In the immediate aftermath, the magnitude of his victory was slow to sink in.

"You never know in life," Yang said. "This might be my last win as a golfer. But it sure is a great day."

The ramifications for South Korea, not to mention all of Asia, may take years to unfold. When Woods won the 1997 Masters by a record 12 shots, many believed it would be a watershed moment for minorities on the PGA Tour. A dozen years later, he remains the tour's only player of black heritage.

The Asian community was desperate for its own champion.

"Growth happens two ways-either stars at the top pulling it up, or grass-roots programs pushing it up," Dawson said. "What Asian countries lacked is enough stars on the international stages. Let's hope it's the first of many, and not a one-off. It's not just Korea, but Japan, India, China, Thailand. They will remember Yang. He'll be a household name in Asia.'

Top golf executives have had their eyes on Asia the past several years.

The R&A and Augusta National earlier this year created the Asia Amateur tournament, to be played this fall

with the winner getting a ticket to the Masters. And the PGA Tour recently joined other tours to turn the HSBC Champions in China—where Yang defeated Woods three years ago—into a World Golf Championship.

Along the way, Asian-born golfers have made inroads.

Jeev Milkha Singh became the first player from India to win on the European Tour and compete in the Masters. Ryo Ishikawa of Japan was 15 when he became the youngest winner on a recognized tour. Prayad Marksaeng of Thailand, who built his first golf club from a bamboo stick and scraps of bicycle tire, contended early at two World Golf Championships this year.

K.J. Choi of South Korea has seven PGA Tour victories, the most of any Asian, and last year climbed as high as No. 5 in the world.

Even so, Asian success in the majors had been relegated to close calls.

There was Liang-Huan Lu of Taiwan finishing one shot behind Lee Trevino at Royal Birkdale in the 1971 British Open, and Isao Aoki of Japan pushing Jack Nicklaus at Baltusrol in the 1980 U.S. Open until he had to settle for second place.

"It was going to happen one day," said Woods, whose heritage is half-Asian through his Thai-born mother. "If anyone would have thought it would have been a Korean player, people probably would have suspected it be K.J., because obviously he's played well for such a long period of time. Y.E. has won now a couple of big events. He's getting better.

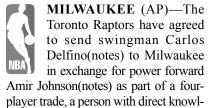
"But it was just a matter of time."

The first breakthrough for Japan came in 1957 and what is now the World Cup, won by Torakichi Nakamura and Koichi Ono. For South Korea, major success had been limited to the women, starting with Se Ri Pak's victory in the 1998 U.S. Women's Open. Perhaps no other player from any country has been a greater pioneer: Six other South Korean women have won LPGA majors since then.

Whether Yang's victory has a similar effect will take years to find out.

Wally Uihlein, CEO of the company that owns the Titleist and FootJoy brands, who helped match the China Golf Association and the Australian PGA to develop a teacher certification program in China, says growth depends on many factors.

to deal Delfino to Bucks Raptors agree



Press on Monday. The deal would also send guard Roko Ukic(notes) to Milwaukee in exchange for Bucks guard Sonny Weems(notes). The person spoke to AP on condition of anonymity because the deal has not been completed.

edge of the deal told The Associated

The deal was first reported by ESPN.com.

Delfino, a native of Argentina, played his first three seasons in Detroit before being traded to Toronto, where he averaged a career-best nine points and 4.4 rebounds per game in the 2007-08 season.

Delfino played in Russia last season but the Raptors retained his rights.

Milwaukee's front office was intrigued by the potential of Johnson, 22, who was drafted by Detroit out of high school in 2005. Immediately after dealing Richard Jefferson(notes) to San Antonio for Bruce Bowen(notes),

Kurt Thomas(notes) and Fabricio Oberto(notes) in June, the Bucks sent Oberto to Detroit for Johnson.

Johnson became more expendable when the Bucks signed Hakim Warrick(notes), a move that came after Memphis rescinded its qualifying offer to the restricted free agent.

Delfino was unlikely to find playing time in Toronto after the Raptors made a slew of offseason moves that included trading for Hedo Turkoglu(notes), signing free agent Jarrett Jack(notes) and drafting DeMar DeRozan(notes) out of Southern California.



South Korean newspapers' front pages show South Korean golfer Y.E. Yang's winning the 91st PGA Championship, in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009. Yang, ranked 110th, made history Sunday by coming from behind to beat world No. 1 Tiger Woods and become the first Asian-born man to win a major tournament, a stunning rise for the self-taught son of a farmer who first picked up a golf club at age 19.

Saipan beats Guam in friendly billiards tournament



The Saipan Billiards Association hosted Guam players for a friendly tournament at the USSP Club over the weekend.

Shooting for Saipan were Rick Rengiil, Taylor Watanabe, Pat Taitano, Bern Kileleman, Niscer Masarios and John Peters. Guam was represented by Sassy Belsky, Marife Legario and Charisse Amuan. John Mongami, Gus Taitano and Ron Chisato came to play for Saipan, but ended up helping the shorthanded Guam side in doubles on Saturday when the rest of the team missed their flight.

The teams played six singles and three doubles matches both days. Each match was a best two-out-of-three games. Saipan prevailed 7-2 and 6-3 for a 13-5 win, \$180 and trophies. Legario was the Guam MVP, winning three of her team's points, while Watanabe didn't drop a game in earning the Saipan MVP trophy.

Belsky fell to Kileleman 2-1 Saturday, while Legario lost by the same score to Rengiil in close matches, but



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of Saipan Team pose for a group photo after beating Guam in a friendly billiards tournament at the USSP Club over the weekend.

the Guamanians still fell behind 4-0. On Sunday, Amuan took the first game from Taitano but he came back to again give the hosts a 4-0 lead.

Rengiil, Watanabe, Taitano and Kileleman won the first four singles matches both days, making a comeback by the visitors' unlikely. Belsky and Legario came back with wins on Saturday, and Legario and Amuan did the same on Sunday. Both rallies were cut short when team play started, with Watanabe and Rengiil giving the home side an insurmountable lead.

A return match is tentatively scheduled on Guam Sept. 26 and 27 at Sassy's Bar in Hamon. (**PR**)

CNMI

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Aruba then made it to the scoreboard at the top of the sixth with Wilmer Imperator reaching home plate on an RBI single from Ray-Patrick Didder

At bottom of the sixth, the CNMI had several chances to score, as it had the bases loaded with no outs. However, relief pitcher Didder spoiled the Commonwealth's bid with a strikeout and Aruba made two 6-4-3 putout plays.

At the top of the seventh, Shawn Duinkerk made a two-run single to tie the game and later it was starting pitcher Aldeir Croes' turn to hit a tworun single that drove Didder and Duinkerk home.

Didder saved the win by retiring CNMI batters at the bottom of the seventh.

The CNMI bets were scheduled to take a break on Tuesday and return to action today, as they face the winless Canada in the first game at 11am (7pm on Saipan). The Commonwealth's

last game will be against Puerto Rico on Thursday.

A win over Canada will help Thelma Mizer-managed squad surpass the record of the five other CNMI teams that competed in the Junior League division of the World Series. The CNMI made it to the World Series from 2001 to 2005, but no team tallied more than one win in that streak.

Meanwhile, Jeremy Rabauliman led the CNMI's debut win over Italy, going 2-for-4 at bat and scoring two runs and two RBIs. Also hitting 2-for-4 at the plate was catcher Henry Rabauliman, who tallied one run and two RBIs. Tenorio had a 2-for-4 performance, too, and recorded three runs and one RBI. Lamarc Iguel, Brian Camacho, Aldebert Lizama, Frankie Camacho, Christian Mizer, and Poland Masaharu made one RBIs each.

Brian Camacho pitched 5.3 innings for the CNMI, allowed three hits, gave up two runs, and walked five. He made only two errors and struck out six. Iguel took Brian Camacho's place for 1.6 innings and had three strikeouts.

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New York	74	45	.622	_
Boston	66	51	.564	7
Tampa Bay	63	54	.538	10
Toronto	55	61	.474	15 1/2
Baltimore	48	70	.407	25 1/2

Central Division

Detroit	62	55	.530	_
Chicago	61	58	.513	2
Minnesota	56	62	.475	6 1/2
Cleveland	51	66	.436	11
Kansas City	46	72	.390	1.5

West Division

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Texas	67	50	.573	4 1/2
Seattle	61	57	.517	11
Oakland	53	65	.449	19

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Fillaueipilia	00	49	.575	_
Florida	63	55	.534	4 1/2
Atlanta	62	56	.525	5 1/2
New York	55	63	.466	12 1/2
Washington	43	75	.364	24 1/2

Central Division

St. Louis	68	52	.567	_
Chicago	60	56	.517	6
Milwaukee	58	60	.492	9
Houston	57	61	.483	10
Cincinnati	50	67	.427	16 1/2
Pittsburgh	46	70	.397	19 1/2

West Division

Los Angeles	70	49	.588	_
Colorado	65	53	.551	4 1/2
San Francisco	64	54	.542	5 1/2
Arizona	54	65	.454	16
San Diego	50	70	.417	20 1/2

Yesterday's Games

St. Louis 3, LA Dodgers 2 San Diego 4, Chi Cubs 1 Atlanta 9, Arizona 4 San Francisco 10, NY Mets 1 Pittsburgh 9, Milwaukee 5 LA Angels 8, Baltimore 5 Texas 8 Minnesota 5 Chi White Sox 8, Kansas City 7

By The Associated Press

LOCAL SCORES

IT&E Inter-Gov't/ **Biz League Standings**

IT&E	2	0	
Docomo	2	0	
CHC	2	0	
Tinian	1	0	
Hyatt	1	0	
DCCA	1	0	
PSS	1	2	
MBI	1	1	
Customs	0	0	
CPA	0	2	
ARFF	0	3	
ROG	Λ	3	

FEMALE

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Elisa Fejeran, and Felicia Mc-Farland. Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director Sugao Kambe is the team's coach.

Kambe and his female strikers boarded a 4am flight that would take them first to Chiba, Japan before they go to Taiwan. Joining them are NMIFA officials Ken Imaya and Elna Curate and staff Sarah Brostom.

In Japan, the CNMI bets were scheduled to duel the JEF United Ichihara Chiba Ladies U-18 yesterday afternoon for an exhibition game. Today, the CNMI Women's Football Team will collide against the JEF United's Ichihara Chiba Ladies.

The Commonwealth's female strikers will leave Japan tomorrow in time for the EAFF tournament, which will run from Aug. 22 to 30.

The CNMI Women's Football Team will play against South Korea, Guam, Hong Kong, and host Chinese-Taipei. All of CNMI's foes are world-ranked teams, so the Commonwealth will be the underdog in the field.

However, despite the least favorite tag in the tournament, the CNMI female strikers vowed to put on a good show in Taiwan.

"We are a very young FA so expectations from us are not high, but we want to make our coach, the NMIFA, our fans and our island proud. Coach Kambe has put so much time and effort into helping us to prepare. I think I speak for the team when I say that we plan to show our appreciation to him by playing hard every minute of every game. We will play to the best of our abilities," said Davis, who is the team's captain.

This will be Davis and company's first international tournament and they need to stick together to hurdle the big task ahead.

"We haven't even played enough international games to earn a ranking. It would be unrealistic to think that we can beat them, but we can play hard, never give up and do our best to contain them. We have to play smart defense and that means staying organized as a team and playing aggressively in one-on-one situations. We need to make sure we don't let up for 90 minutes. Soccer is a physically demanding sport, but we also have to be mentally prepared to push ourselves beyond what we think is possible," the team captain added.

On a personal note, Davis said she is excited to play against some of the world-ranked teams in the region.

"I am honored to represent

the CNMI at this level. This is an opportunity of a lifetime and we plan to give it everything we've got," she said.

The CNMI will play its first game in the EAFF tournament against Guam on Aug. 22 and then challenge Hong Kong on Aug. 24. On Aug. 26, the Commonwealth will take on South Korea, while the CNMI's last game will be against host Chinese-Taipei on Aug. 28.

The winner of the nine-day tournament will advance to the championship round to be played in Tokyo, Japan next year. China, Japan, and North Korea have already reserved slots to the championship round.

CABALEN

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tenders Association-Ebisuya in the best-of-three title series, which will start tomorrow. NMBA booked the first finals ticket after routing Boholanos-University of Loyola/Raffy's Diner in the other semis pairing, 92-66.

Cabalen, which was seeded fourth in the playoffs, surprised the top-ranked Bayani-Shirley's in the first quarter, taking a 24-

Sam Fernandez hit two early

triples and scored eight points, while four of his teammates made at least one basket.

Jun Tabora also started strong for Bayani, firing 12 markers. However, he was the lone Bayani player to score more than a field goal in the first, as the usual reliable Ronald Delos Reyes struggled and was held to a pair of free throws in the opening period. Noel Mateo and Roy Domingo were the two other Bayani players to make it to the scoreboard, but drilled only two points apiece.

Delos Reyes picked up his scoring in the second period,

exploding for 15 markers. However, Cabalen still outgunned Bayani in that canto, 34-26, with Jessie Mina tallying 11 markers and Fernandez adding nine. The rest of Cabalen's players combined for 14 points against the 11 of four other Bayani players.

Tabora was held scoreless in the second period, allowing Cabalen to increase the lead to double-digits at halftime, 58-44.

At the start of the second half, it was Robert Guiang's turn to top-score for Cabalen, logging eight points to bring the team's lead to 17, 79-62, entering the final canto.

The lead ballooned to as much as 22, 86-64 in the first few minutes of the fourth canto after Mina and Francis Andales escaped with back-to-back fastbreak layups.

In the ensuing plays, Cabalen managed to keep the doubledigit spread, despite Delos Reves' 18-point explosion in the payoff canto.

Cabalen had three players finishing with at least 20 points. Sam Fernandez submitted 23 markers, Mina chipped in 21, and Guiang contributed 20. Andales played his best game so far in the league, adding 18 markers, while Ian Castro had 12.

Delos Reves led all scorers with his 39 points, while Tabora finished with 16, but was held to only four points in the second half. Bobby Vargas nailed 14.

Open

Cabalen 101—Fernandez 23, Mina 21, Guiang 20, Andales 18, Castro 12, Abuan 6, Pacheco 1.

Bayani 90 - Delos Reyes 39, Tabora 16, Vargas 14, Mateo 8, Galulu 6, Zapata 5, Dimngo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 24-18, 58-44, 79-62, 101-90.

DCCA

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and RJ Nonato and an Art Trajano undergoal stab, with 59 seconds left in the game.

Tom Diaz split his charities on the other end, making it a 67-64 tally, with 46.6 remaining on the clock.

In the ensuing play, Ryan Cabrera quickly pulled off for a jumper near the foul line, instead of going for an inside basket, and missed.

MBI was forced to give up a foul and Ben Lisua went only 1-for-2, keeping MBI's hopes alive, as CHC led by only four, 68-64, with 35.5 seconds left in the fourth.

An Ivan De Vero layup cut the lead to two, 66-68, and MBI had a chance to tie the game when CHC's Edgar Pangelinan muffed a jumper with the 24-second shotclock running out. However, Nonato missed on his daredevil drive against Joe Duenas. Lisua collared the rebound and Nonato gave a frustration foul, with 1.2 seconds left in the game.

Lisua put the final nail on MBI's coffin, canning both charities.

Pangelinan and Lisua paced CHC with 21 points apiece, while Joe Tudela added 19.

MBI, which won its debut over CPA-Accounting, 80-64, was in disarray on offense, badly missing the services of gunner Bonbon Cadagat. Cadagat's eligibility to join the league was challenged by some competing teams. The league allows only government employees or those working in the private companies competing in the league to join the IT&E caging. An e-mail to league organizers asking about Cadagat's status has yet to be answered at press time. Cadagat scored 29 points in MBA's debut win.

In the second game, Peter Camacho logged 28 points to lift DCCA to a two-point win.

DCCA played with only six players, but with Ponce Rasa also firing 20-plus points and its female players also contributing on offense, DCCA managed to pull off a victory.

Cagebelles Jana Young and Connie Camacho added nine and eight points, respectively. Romeo Iginoef also had nine points, giving DCCA its last basket that sealed the team's win. Derron Flores chipped in seven

Jeff Ouitugua led ARFF with 34 points, but still the Firedawgs are winless in three games.

Meanwhile, Customs will make its debut in the league when it faces Bank of Guam in the first game. In the second match, Public School System will take on CPA-Accounting.

Bank of Guam aims to gain its first win after losing its first three games.

CPA is also winless in two games, while PSS won only one game in first three matches.

First Game

DCCA 82 – P. Camacho 28, Rasa 21, Young 9, Iginoef 9, C. Camacho 8, Flores 7.

ARFF 80 - Quitugua 34, Reves 18, Robert 9, Palacios 6, Camacho 4, Iramk 3, C. Sablan 2, Cepeda 2, R. Sablan 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-18, 44-35, 63-62, 82-80.

Second Game

CHS 70 - Pangelinan 21, Lisua 21, Tudela 19, Diaz 4, Duenas 3, Seidler 2.

MBI 66 – De Vero 27, Nonato 16, Sese 7, Trajano 6, Cabrera 4, Musni 2, Capalad 2, Garcia 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-9, 30-30, 49-48, 70-66.

Saipan beats Guam in friendly billiards tournament

The Saipan Billiards Association hosted Guam players for a friendly tournament at the USSP Club over the weekend. 27



Hill's bizarre late **TD leads Giants** over Panthers

What else could the two coaches do after seeing the New York Giants and Carolina Panthers preseason game end on a bizarre play as the clock ran out. 24



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CNMI bows to Aruba in World Series

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

■ he CNMI Junior All-Stars failed to keep their momentum in the World Series, losing to Aruba, 3-5, on Monday night at the Heritage Park in Taylor, Michigan.



The loss dropped the CNMI to a tie for second place in the International Pool with Italy. The

CNMI youth sluggers had a big win in their World Series return after a five-year hiatus, following a 13-2 rout of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Little League of Friuli Venezia Giulia, Italy on Sunday night.

Italy recovered from a debut loss with a 9-8 win over Canada, which dropped to a 0-2 start. Aruba and Puerto Rico have identical 1-0 slate to complete the International Pool. Only the Top 2 teams in the International Pool will advance to the next round.

The CNMI bets were in control of the game and leading at 3-1, when a four-run top of the seventh lifted the Aruba North Little League of Oranjestad to a comefrom-behind win.

Neither team scored in four and a half innings until the Commonwealth recorded a three-run bottom of the fifth. Henry Rabaulman singled with one out, stole second, and scored on twoout ground-rule double off Ricardo Dela Cruz. An RBI single from Patrick Tenorio brought Dela Cruz home and the former scored on the back half of a double steal.

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DCCA, CHC outlast opponents

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Commonwealth Health Center and Department of Community and Cultural Affairs eked out close wins

over separates foes in the 2009 IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League on Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

CHC slipped past Micronesian Brokers, Inc. 70-66, to claim its second win in as many games and tie IT&E and Docomo for the lead in the 12-team field. CHC clobbered Airport Rescue Fire Fighters in its first game, 76-54.

DCCA played its first match of the season and escaped with an 82-80 triumph over ARFF.

Four free throws in the last 46.6 seconds of the game and a poor shot selection from MBI helped CHC make a 2-0 start in the league.

MBI threatened a comeback when it moved within two, 64-66, on one free throw each from Ivan De Vero See DCCA on Page 27

Commonwealth Health Center's Joe Tudela is sandwiched by MBI's Art Trajano, right, and Lito Musni, left, during their game in the 2009 IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League on Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Cabalen stuns Bayani, makes finals of UFO masters caging

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Cabalen caught the last trip to the finals of the masters division of the 7th United Filipino Organization

Inter-Organizational Basketball League after pulling off a 101-90 upset over pennant champion Bayani in their semifinal game on Monday night at the JP Center Basketball Court.

The NMI Contractor-supported Cabalen will face Northern Marianas Bar-See CABALEN on Page 27



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Bayani's Ronald Delos Reyes, left, chases Cabalen's Jessie Mina during their semis game in the masters division of the UFO caging Monday night at the JP Center Bas-

CNMI female strikers leave for EAFF tourney

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The CNMI Women's Football Team left Saipan early yesterday morning for the East Asian Football Federation Women's Football Championship

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2010 Semifinals Competition in Tainan City, Taiwan.

The team is composed of Natalie Hill, Madison Smith, Carrie Knight, Angela Shyrack, Meaghan Hassel-Shearer, Brenda Schultz, Linday Davis, Melo-



dy Matson, Zoe Jewell, Katie Peters, Michiko Tenorio, Patricia Coleman, Brianna Martin, Amber Roberts, Rebecca Newman, Maryana Gramlich, Amanda Allen, Emily Gries,

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Members of the CNMI Women's Football Team pose with coach Sugao Kambe, standing right, for a group photo before they left for Japan early yesterday morning.